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Councilors' Push Moves Charles To Collect Tax Funds

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

About \$600,000 in commitments for payment of property tax money and some \$35,000 already in hand in voluntary tax payments should be enough to keep the town solvent so it won't have to borrow to pay the bills.

Last week Town Councilors Paul Fieldstad and Edward Borgatti blitzed Town Manager Reid S. Charles on the delay of sending out estimated tax bills to residents. *The AAN* also learned from several sources that Charles was not aware of the fact that the town was running out of money until Fieldstad began publicly blasting him last month.

Both councilors claimed that due to this delay, the town was losing some \$41,000 in accrued interest that would be derived from the town collecting its property taxes over the first billing cycle.

During part of last week, *The Advertiser News* learned from members of the council that Charles had several of his department heads on the phone calling financial institutions for the funding commitments to avoid what could be an embarrassing and potentially dangerous situation for Charles (if the town ran out of money).

According to Town Treasurer Rudy Altobelli, the combination of commitments from local banks and the help of voluntary tax payments from residents should prevent the town from being put into a position of needing to borrow to pay its bills (in lieu of the tax bills going out).

Altobelli said his office was extremely appreciative of those residents who came forward to pay their estimated bills.

Altobelli referred all further questions about the tax situation to the manager's office.

The voluntary payments are another step in the continuing saga of the late tax bills that was brought to public light by Fieldstad on June 23rd, and then by Borgatti earlier this month.

The problem originated in revaluation of town properties by Patriot Properties of Salem, MA, which delayed Town Council from officially setting a tax rate. The council is slated to set the tax rate at its August 1st meeting.

According to the contract signed by Charles by Patriot Properties, the town was expected to send out the estimated tax bills despite the revaluation process. Tax bills were supposed to be sent to property owners on April 1st. The town's failure to do this is what has upset both Fieldstad and Borgatti, prompting their public grilling of Charles at several council meetings.

Town Assessor Timothy Kelleher stated today that the revaluation process and subsequent appeals have been completed and the findings have been processed. With state certification of these figures expected shortly, Kelleher said there should be no "problems for the town and the council would be able to set the tax rate."

Though a letter to Charles from Kelleher indicated an expected final billing date later this month, the fact is that final billings will occur sometime in August.

Charles indicated that it has been "five or six years" since the town has needed to borrow due to late tax bills. He praised the town's overall financial picture, adding that Agawam is a "\$30 million corporation and is not in financial trouble."

According to Kelleher, the town has lost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in revenues to the late tax bills, and not the figures given by Fieldstad and Borgatti. However, when contacted, Fieldstad said he's sticking by his estimates, and said Charles' department heads "are just doing what they're told to do."

Lavalette Generations Relax At Picnic...



AT THE JULY 2ND town picnic, great great grandmother Lucy Lavalette and great grandfather Eugene J. Lavalette relax at the town picnic with the family's new generation - Erin Milillo. (SEE CENTERFOLD INSIDE). Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.

Perry Lane Camp Off To Strong Start...



PERRY LANE PARK MEMBERS Steve Phaneuf and Todd Boskiewicz play a game of Stratego at the town-sponsored camp last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Hebert Says Charles Violated Charter In Firing

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser New Staff

The termination of Town Prosecutor Patricia M. Hebert last week brought few comments from Town Manager Reid S. Charles at presstime.

However, Ms. Hebert says she is upset and angry that the termination of her services came "without notice."

According to Charles on Tuesday, he would not discuss details of terminating Ms. Hebert from the Law Department. He would only say that it was "something specific."

Charles remarked, "We've talked to her (Ms. Hebert) about it. A decision was made and that was done."

Following discussions between Charles, Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski, and Town Solicitor Anthony J. Bonavita, Ms. Hebert's services were terminated and her replacement was local Attorney Robert Danie, an Agawam attorney and law partner to Bonavita.

Danie is a former assistant district attorney under District Attorney Matthew Ryan, and according to Bonavita, is a top-notch prosecutor who will be a valuable addition to the Law Department.

Danie will assume the chores of handling prosecution of misdemeanors and felony charges for the Agawam Police Department in Springfield District Court.

Ms. Hebert, however, feels the method of her release from the position was a violation of the guidelines established by the Town Charter, as well as political in nature.

Bonavita said there were no politics involved in the decision whatsoever, and said it was made in the town's best interests.

According to Ms. Hebert on Tuesday, she sent a letter to Chmielewski regarding police files. On July 6th she received a letter from Charles that stated - "based on information from the Chief of Police (Chmielewski) and the Town Attorney (Bonavita), we are terminating your services."

The letter from Charles included a brief thank-you for services rendered by Hebert over the past three

years, and provides for severance pay through July 15th.

According to the Town Charter, Ms. Hebert says, Charles, who is the appointing official, can only remove an appointed official under him by written notice of intent to terminate prior to the actual termination. She said that Charles must send this notice by registered mail.

The charter, added Ms. Hebert, allows for the individual who receives the notice of intent of termination five days to respond. The individual can request a public hearing to air the dismissal and the causes for it.

"If there is a cause," Ms. Hebert said, "the burden of proof is on the town manager."

At presstime Ms. Hebert had not yet decided whether she will request the public hearing to which she says she is entitled.

"I am distressed at the summary dismissal," Ms. Hebert said. "I have enjoyed working there (with the police and the town)."

"All I want is an apology. I want them to conform with town policy," Ms. Hebert says "quite a few police officers have affirmed their confidence in me. All I have heard from people is good. No one is saying negatives."

Charles, however, indicates that the action was "for cause" and is part of an effort to obtain consistency of representation in the cases Ms. Hebert was involved in.

Further discussion with officials who would not go on record hinted that the cause for her dismissal was something that "would unfold over the course of the next few weeks." The possibility of further investigation into the matter was also left open to speculation.

Charles denied that Hebert's letter about the police files was in any way connected in her termination.

Bonavita told us at presstime that Ms. Hebert will not receive any apology from the town, adding, "We had valid reasons for her termination. The only reason I have not released the specifics about the action is because it would be detrimental to the Town of Agawam."

Hebert had served as town prosecutor since July 1985. She currently has law offices in the New Community Shops, Feeding Hills Center. She is a Westfield resident.

Representative Walsh Schedules Office Hours

Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) will be holding office hours for his constituents on Friday, July 15th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

These hours will be held at the Agawam Senior Center at Meadowbrook Manor.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 1st, 1988 at 8:00 p.m., at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass., on the application of GETTY PETROLEUM CORPORATION for a license to keep, or re-sale of petroleum products in underground tanks or above ground not to exceed 30,000 gallons at 10 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Mass.

Richard M. Theroux
Agawam Town Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 1st, 1988, at 8:00 p.m., Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001 to consider adoption of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56. Comments are welcome as to the proposed adoption of a residential factor of 1 to be utilized in order that all property be taxed at the same rate.

Agawam Town Council
Ursula Retzler, Town Council Clerk

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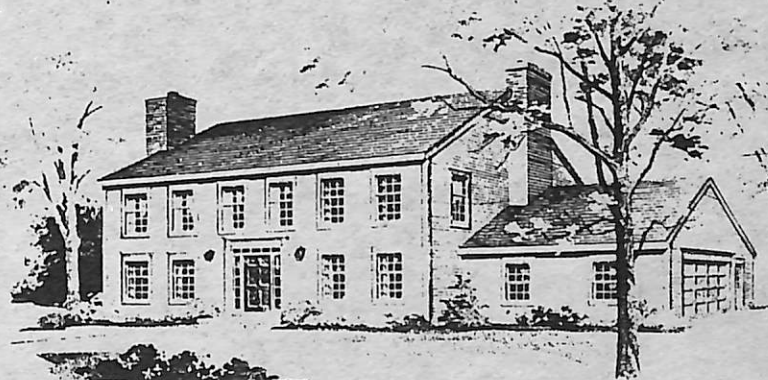


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Local Farmers Fight On To Keep Crops From Drying Up

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

The record heat wave that's searing most of the nation, including Greater Springfield, has farmers in Agawam scrambling to beat the heat and dryness. And from what farmers have been telling us, unless there's more rain soon, produce prices will continue to creep up while crop yields are much smaller this year.

At **CINCOTTA FARMS** on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, the lack of rainfall is producing slower growing crops with a smaller yield. If the drought continues, according to Laura Cincotta of the Cincotta farming family, "consumers will really feel the pinch in their pocketbooks."

"We're trying hard to get water to our crops but what we really need is a soaking rain for several days. I can't remember when the ground was so dry. It's been a tough summer for farmers," said Mrs. Cincotta.

Over at **E. CECCHI FARMS**, just up the road on Springfield Street, owners Bob & Emily Cecchi irrigate their fields and a profusion of greenery is visible from the street.

But all at Cecchi's agree that life would be much easier with a soaking rain.

The one-inch of rain for the entire month of June had the famous "Corn King," Al Christopher of **CHRISTOPHER FARMS** shaking his head in disbelief.

Christopher has said several times on local television in recent weeks that in all of his years of farming (some five decades), this is the driest summer he can ever remember.

The local farmers note that soil temperature around the roots of their crops reached up to 150-degrees during a searing summer afternoon.

Despite an occasional or sporadic shower on one or two nights, and the torrential rains and thunderstorms that ripped across the area Monday night, the badly-needed rainfall surged towards storm drains, ran off into gulleys, and within hours, there was the "hothouse" effect.

Native raspberries have survived the summer heat and are averaging around \$2 per basket. Blueberries come in at about \$1.89, and the earliest sweet corn, slowed by the no-rain situation, is available for \$3 to \$4 per dozen (or less), depending on where you go.

"All the farmers are in the same boat, although the ones who have good irrigation systems are much better off than the ones who don't," pointed-out Mrs. Cincotta. "All I can say is that we're all trying our best to get the best crop we can this summer, but Mother Nature hasn't made our jobs any easier at all. Even if it did rain a lot now it can't help the crops that have been lost."

Townsfolk turn our pages every week
ADVERTISER NEWS

Neighbors Irate Over Eyesore On Hendom Dr.



HENDOM HEIGHTS neighbors are up-in-arms about this abandoned home in their Feeding Hills neighborhood. Neighbors say the home is not only an eyesore but a potential health and safety hazard to children in the area. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Crime Prevention... How To Prevent Teenage Party Problems

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

The teenage years are often-times filled with requests to both host and attend parties. While it is important that we convey a sense of trust to our children, it is even more important to set the ground rules and make sure they are strictly enforced.

Parties can be a source of pleasure and peer interaction, or they can become monsters over which we may lose total control. Planning is the key. If the party is well-supervised and organized, problems will be minimal.

If you are allowing your teenager to host a party, the following should be considered. **Plan the party in advance** and go over the guest list with your child. If you agree to who is invited, you can curb the open party situation.

Next, make sure to **set a time limit** for both the start and end of the party. Consider daytime parties as an alternative to those in the evening, and plan for some form of activity such as swimming, lawn games, or group contests. Make sure all rules are agreed to ahead of time. Some of these might include no drugs, including alcohol, no smoking, no leaving and then returning to the party, no gate crashers allowed, lights to be left on, and some rooms of the house are off limits.

Parents should be aware of their responsibilities and be highly visible. It is illegal to serve alcohol and other drugs to minors and adults can be held accountable for anything that may happen to a teen as a result of his or her consumption of these drugs. Parents should plan on inviting another adult couple or two over to help supervise the activities.

If your teenager is invited to a party, make sure you call the host parent prior to the party and make sure there is an understanding as to the nature, length, and

ground rules of the party. The issue here is not one of trusting your teen, but rather one of parents agreeing with each other. Check the plans with your teen beforehand. Know where they are going and with whom they will be spending their time.

If you are taking them to the party, make sure they get into the house. If you are not familiar with the host parents, introduce yourself. Make it easy for your son or daughter to leave a party. If there is drinking or drugs, or any other reason your teen wishes to leave, make arrangements so that you or another designated adult can pick them up with no questions asked. Let them know there will be no punishments or restrictions for a call letting you know things are getting out of hand.

REMEMBER: parents are legally responsible — no alcohol or drugs, no gate crashers, and know where your child is and with whom.

Municipal Events

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Thursday, July 14th
Conservation Commission
Town Clerk's Conference Room
7:15 P.M.

Thursday, July 14th
Board of Appeals
Town Hall Annex
7:30 P.M.

Thursday, July 28th
Board of Appeals
Town Hall Annex
7:30 p.m.

Monday, August 1st
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

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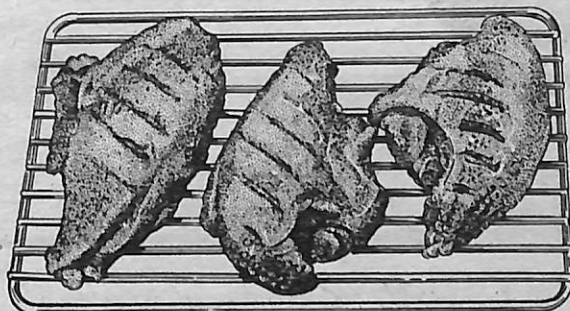
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Meet Your Agawam Police...

Officer Ben Mooreby Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

Originally from New Jersey, Ben came to Agawam and was appointed to the Police Department on June 6th, 1971. After successfully completing his academy training in Springfield, he was assigned to the 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. shift in the Patrol Division.

Most of Ben's 17 years of service have been on that shift where he has often been called upon to supervise the manpower in the absence of a sergeant. He was also asked to work the Detective Bureau on occasion (when the workload required additional experience). Ben has spent six years on the Traffic Bureau where he is presently assigned to a split, day-night shift.

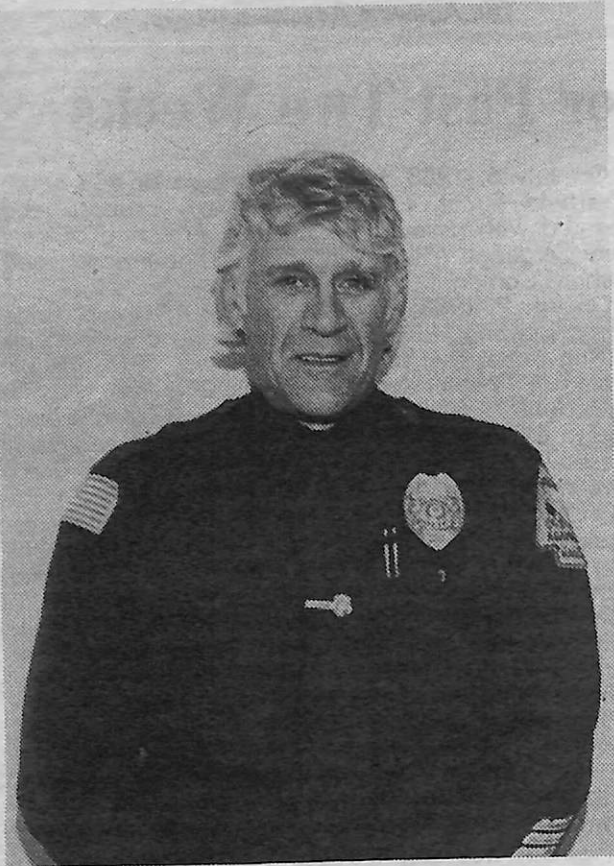
As a Traffic Bureau officer, he has attended several schools for training in the field of accident investigation, radar operation, breathalyzer operation, and on scene collection of evidence. Ben received his associate's degree in law enforcement from Springfield Technical Community College in June 1973.

Furthering his education he went on to Western New England College where he earned his bachelor's degree in June 1975. He has received several commendations over the years including one for assisting in the investigation and subsequent solving of a stolen auto parts ring in 1984, and one for his investigation of a triple fatal accident approximately six years ago.

Although his specific area of expertise is in traffic, his followup investigations involving accidents and crimes have always been of tremendous value to the entire department.

In his spare time, Ben owns a small construction business where he can be seen all over town building additions to houses, landscaping and pouring concrete footings, and foundations. In his spare time, he is a ski instructor during the winter months at Otis Ridge Ski area. He currently resides in town and has one daughter, Trista, age 10½.

Ben's contribution to the department and the town is his genuine caring and concern for the people he serves. If there is one thing any new cop should bring with him to the job, it is a feeling for people. Ben not only brought this with him but has managed to hold it for his entire 17 years of service.



OFFICER BEN MOORE

Notice Of Tax-Taking Corrections

The following names should not have been published for having a tax balance due the town of Agawam:

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MICHAEL BERESFORD
EDWIN L. DAMON
JOSEPH DePALO, JR.
JANE NOWILL
RICHARD STEPANIK

FIREWISE - by Chief Rusty Jenks**Even When School's Out Some Tests Must Continue**

The Agawam Fire Department reminds you to test your smoke detectors once every month throughout the year. A detector that is not working properly won't save you and your family if a fire starts. Make monthly checks a regular routine in your household.

Most smoke detectors have a button you can press to test them. But this test really only ensures the alarm horn is working. It's a good idea to also test whether the detector is "sensing" smoke properly by blowing smoke into it from a candle, cigar, or cigarette. But be careful!

Hold a smoking cigar or cigarette several inches below the detector and let the smoke rise into the openings. Hold a candle several inches below the detector for a few seconds, gently blowing smoke into the chamber. Then blow out the candle and let the smoke rise into the detector. As soon as the alarm sounds, fan the smoke away with a newspaper or magazine.

Vacuum accumulated dust out of the detector using a vacuum cleaner's hose attachment monthly or when you've been doing dusty work around the house.

If your detector is battery-operated, change the batteries at least once a year. Most detectors make a chirping sound when the battery gets low, but don't wait for that to happen. Keep fresh batteries on hand all the time and set a time that's easy for you to remember to change the batteries, perhaps your birthday or anniversary.

If your smoke detectors are wired into your home, have battery-operated ones as backup in case the electricity goes out.

You should have at least one smoke detector in your home, protecting the bedroom area. Others should shield your family from pathways to the basement, garage, and attic.

Most fatal fires happen at night, so the detector must be able to "smell" the fire while you sleep and warn you right away so you can escape safely.

In fact, every household should have and practice a home fire escape plan that includes at least two ways out of each room.

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Agawam Police Blotter For Past Two Weeks

On June 27, 1988, **Maria Escalante** of Oswego Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield P.D. warrant. Arresting officers were Donald Gallerani and Michael Gruska.

On June 29, 1988, **Scott Johnson** of 77 Park Edge Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Southwick P.D. warrant. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown and Eric Lottermoser.

On June 29, 1988, **Madeline L. Carroll** of Blandford Hill Road, Huntington, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Rich Light Jr. and Mark Ceccarini.

On June 30, 1988, **Charles Mansfield Jr.** of 38 Talbot Street, Rockland, Maine, was arrested and charged with an outstanding A.P.D. warrant. Arresting officers were Joe Dymon and Mark Ceccarini.

On July 2, 1988, **Tommie Gene Partin** of 33 Norman Terrace, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Keith Bopko.

On July 3, 1988, **Laura Dupree** of 53 Murray Avenue, Westfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown, Walter Zymroz, and Mark Poggi.

On July 3, 1988, **Wayne Huntoon** of 8 Shepard Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown, Walter Zymroz, and Mark Poggi.

On July 4, 1988, **Carlos A. Santiago** of 67 Yale Street, Medford, Massachusetts, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam P.D. warrant. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Eric Camerlin.

On July 4, 1988, **Ernesto Perez** of 66 Lawrence Street, Hartford, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and auxiliary officer Kevin Connor.

On July 5, 1988, **Fred R. Maloon** of 8 Boyer Street, Stafford Springs, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Keith Bopko.

On July 6, 1988, **Lisa Ann Forgues** of 683 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault and battery. Arresting officers were Sergeant William Sliech, Eric Lottermoser, and Richard Conlon.

On July 7, 1988, **David R. Lyne** of 48 Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Walter Zymroz and Eric Camerlin.

On July 7, 1988, **David A. Fuller** of 30 Yorktown Court, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance. Arresting officers were Walter Zymroz and Eric Camerlin.

On July 7, 1988, **Marc A. Perillo** of 36 Central Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding A.P.D. warrant. Arresting officers were Roland Dymon, Robert Marsh, and Steven Draghetti.

On July 7, 1988, **Susan A. Brown** of 16 Center Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance. Arresting officers were Joe Dymon, Robert Marsh, and Steven Draghetti.

On July 9, 1988, **Sarah H. Grace** of 450 North Main Street, Suffield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with trespassing. Arresting officers were Stanley Chmielewski Jr. and Paul Murphy.

On July 9, 1988, **Richard Roy** of 17 Waverly Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving after revocation. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Keith Bopko.

On July 9, 1988, **Geraldo Davila** of 63 Central Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with trespassing. Arresting officers were Walter Zymroz, Keith Bopko, and Mark Pfau.

On July 10, 1988, **Jeffrey Coughlin** of 115 South Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Monson P.D. warrant. Arresting officers were Robert Landers, Eric Camerlin, and Charlene Bushey.

On July 10, 1988, **John F. Rego** of 79 Hall Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Donald Gallerani and Mark Pfau.

TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of OTTO SANDSTROM who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 37 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the retention of a newly constructed in-ground pool which is in violation of the required setback at the premises identified as 206 COLEMORE STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Ronald LaRiviere
Chairman
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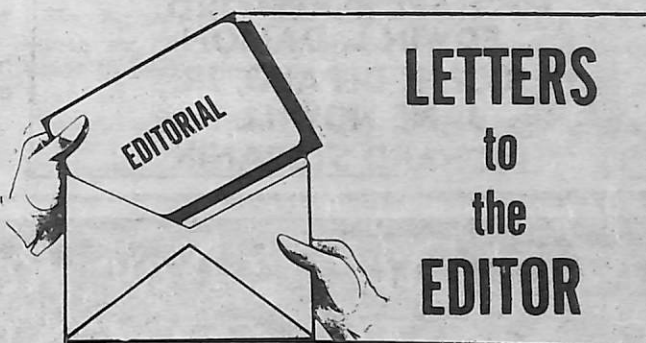
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Moreno Says Charles Playing With Numbers On St. Anne's

The calculations, charts, dialogue, reports, etc., of Town Manager Reid Charles and the St. Anne's Purchase Committee Chairman, Christopher Johnson, are misleading, distorted, and praying on the fear of the unknown of the public.

It simply proves that "figures can lie," and be very careful of those who are giving these figures. And in my opinion, Councilor Johnson is acting more as a town manager and a committee of one than as a responsible town councilor.

CONTINUED ABOVE



Let's review some of the distortion of facts.

Example: Charles states that the St. Anne's Country Club will house 300 homes in his computations. This shows a loss to Agawam if it's developed. The point he vainly tried to make in his "professional" formula is that if the 300 homes are built, the cost to service those homes to the town will be \$1,116,616.

Charles also states that only 80 percent of the 170-acres at St. Anne's can be built on.

Well, now - if only 80 percent of the 170 acres can be built on, which is 136 acres, then Charles' calculations must be altered drastically.

Actual figures and charts of Charles:

J) Expected residential population from St. Anne's development is 300 homes X 2.8 residents per house - **840 people.**

K) Expected students from St. Anne's development is 300 homes X .079 students per home - **237 students.**

L) Cost of general governmental services for St. Anne's homes is 840 people X \$324.19 per home - **\$273,320.**

M) Cost of education services for St. Anne's development is 237 students X \$3,563.29 per student - **\$844,500.**

N) Total yearly cost to town from St. Anne's development (total of L & M) is **\$1,116,820.**

And these are his figures for a smaller development at St. Anne's.

J) Expected residential population based on 204 homes X 2.8 residents - **571 people.**

K) Expected students from St. Anne's development 204 homes X 0.79 students per home - **161 students.**

L) Cost of general government for St. Anne's Development at 571 people (J) X \$324.19 per home - **\$191,004.**

M) Cost of education services for St. Anne's Development at 571 people (J) X \$3,563.29 for each student - **\$573,643.**

N) Total yearly cost to town from St. Anne's Development (L & M) - **\$764,647.**

These figures by Charles are not **REALISTIC**. The more accurate figures would show 12,500 homes in Agawam with 2.5 persons, meaning a population of 31,500. They also estimate their per students per home unbelievably high. If you take 11,000 homes in Agawam at .79 students per home, that gives us a student population of 8,690. The **REAL FIGURES** from the School Department are 4,105 students.

The **REAL FIGURES** show that 12,500 homes X .33 students per home is 4,125. Simple uncomplicated math.

Why does Charles use the sewer cost to the town as a factor in this issue? **IT APPEARS NEITHER CHARLES OR JOHNSON** know that the sewer costs are PAID FOR by the developers. That's adopted town policy voted on by the council.

The job of Charles and the committee is to give all sides of the story, not operate as a committee of one (Johnson) or trying to grandstand to improve his already terrible image as the town manager who filed for personal bankruptcy.

The proponents of purchasing the golf course have very limited reasons why we should purchase it. Their reasons appear to be two-fold - one is for specialized recreation for town residents and the second is to prevent development of more Agawam land.

Presently, we have 15 percent of our total land area committed to town control for recreational use. There are four golf courses in Agawam (including St. Anne's) and four more immediately accessible to Agawam's golfers. I'd also like to note that no city or town surrounding Agawam, except for Springfield, has as many golf courses as we do in Agawam.

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Immaculate Conception Parish Plans Festive Weekend

Immaculate Conception Parish of Main Street, West Springfield, will hold their annual festive weekend - the 10th Anniversary, on August 5th, 6th, and 7th.

The Annual Town Parade will be on Friday evening, August 5th at 6:30 p.m. from Veterans Field, through the streets of Kings Highway, White Church Hill, Elm Street, Park Avenue, Main Street, ending at the parish grounds.

Following the parade there will be a Las Vegas Night in the Parish School Hall from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. There will be games of chance for all. Admission is \$2. The grand money prize drawing will be at midnight.

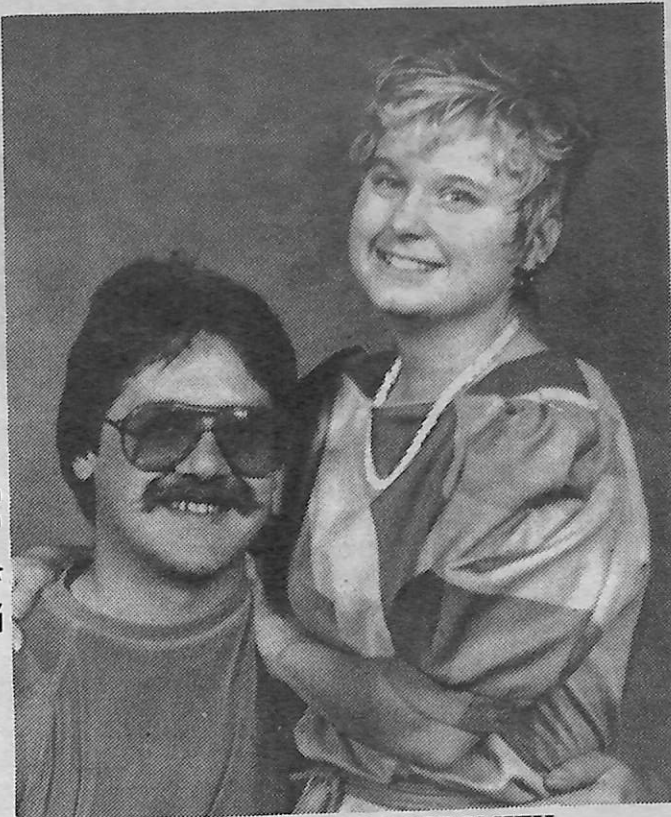
Saturday, August 6th is the date set for the Parish Family Picnic to be held on the parish grounds from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 7th will be the Children's Mass at 11:00 a.m., celebrated by Pastor Timothy Hallahan, and the awarding of the Gil Brinkman Plaque, followed by a coffee hour for all in attendance.

Trinity Methodist Church Plans Carillon Festival

Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, is pleased to host guest carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner, as part of its Carillon Food 'n Fun Festival on Thursday, July 28th, at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Warner is currently carillonneur at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, and at Philips Academy, Andover. In 1979 she received the final diploma of the Royal Carillon School in Mechelen, Belgium, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America.

The featured food theme for the evening is "Tutti-Fruit-ti." The concerts are free although donations will be accepted for all food items and lemonade. The concert will be presented rain or shine.



EDWARD DAVIS & LORI SMITH

Lori Smith Engaged To Edward Davis Of Connecticut

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Smith of 109 Leonard Street, Agawam, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Lori Anne to Edward A. Davis, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Crease of 17 Maple Street, Somersville, Connecticut.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School. She is employed at D & S Sales Inc. of Allen Lawnmower of Agawam as a secretary.

Mr. Davis is a 1980 graduate of Howell Cheney Vocational Technical School in Manchester, Connecticut. He is employed at Somers Auto Parts of Somers, Connecticut, as a counter man.

An October 1989 wedding is planned.

Volunteer Workshop At Heritage Hall In August

The Volunteer Office of Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Cooper Street, Agawam, will offer a "Volunteer Update" Workshop, on campus, Mondays, during the month of August.

Dates are: Monday, August 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, and respective of the dates, will be held in the East, West, North, and South buildings activity room, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For our friends in the Agawam Community who are already volunteers, please reserve the date on your calendar. Plan to attend.

If you are interested in becoming a nursing home volunteer, this is a good opportunity to visit, and receive information and literature on what volunteerism is all about.

For more information, please dial 786-8000, Vera Conway, extension 218, or Carol Hess, extension 244.

Catholic Women's Club Begins Plans For 50th Anniversary

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will celebrate its 50th anniversary on September 12th, 1988 with a special Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church at 5:30 p.m., followed by cocktails and dinner at the Tivoli Room at Chez Josef.

A large committee consisting of 18 past presidents and 12 from the membership at large has been meeting since November to formulate plans for the upcoming event. Letters of detail have been mailed to the members. Reservations should be made by July 25th. Cancellation date is September 7th.

Penny DeForge is chairwoman of the anniversary celebration, Adele Gallano is co-chairwoman, and Carolyn Capitanio is historian. Jacqueline Hayes, club president, is honorary chairwoman.

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CHRISTIE LEIGH SCHEVE

Christie Leigh Scheve Wins Skating Competition

Christie Leigh Scheve, 14, of 423 Barry Street, Feeding Hills, won first place in Freshman Dance at the 1988 Northeast Regional Roller Skating Championships held July 3rd at Saugus, Massachusetts. Miss Scheve, a ninth grader at the Agawam Junior High School, has now qualified to compete in the United States Roller Skating Championships to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska in early August.

The northeast region of the United States includes all of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and New York.

Christie, her freshman dance partner, Francis Telsa, 15, of Huntington, Connecticut, and her free dance partner, Jerry Del Ro, 15, of Shelton, Connecticut, will be representing the Waterbury Skating Club of Waterbury, Connecticut at the U.S. championships. They are all students of Beverly Maddaloni of Gaylordsville, Connecticut and skate for the Roller Magic Skating Rinks, located in Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey.

Shawne White Now Traveling Around United States

Shawne White, originally from Feeding Hills, daughter of Rita White of Los Angeles, California, and Stanley White of Wetheridge Street, Feeding Hills, along with a friend, Cyndi Turner of Whittier, California, began an eight month trip to see America, camping their way across America.

They have completed the southern half of the country and north to Massachusetts where they stayed with Shawne's father, visiting family and friends, spending time with Janice and Joe Ryan of Fruwirth Avenue.

Cyndi and Shawne have been camp counselors at a Girl Scout camp and are well aware of what's needed on the road.

The girls hope to stop in each state before returning to California. They would like to write a book about their experiences.

Feeding Hills Women's Club Plans Organizational Meeting

The Feeding Hills Women's Club had its planning and organizational meeting at the home of its president, Virginia Lake.

A very good program was planned for next year, including fundraising for the two \$100 scholarships offered to graduating seniors of Agawam High School. The recipients for September are: Elizabeth Regish, Mount Holyoke; and Frank Casey, Western New England College.

We are looking forward to a good year of friendship and community service.

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Robinson State Park Plans Weekend Events

On Saturday, July 16th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. join us for "River Life," a leisurely paced walk along the Westfield River as we search for signs of animal life along the banks. Wear shoes you do not mind getting wet or muddy. Meet at the park bulletin board near the Bath House.

On Sunday, July 17th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., join us for "Robinson Rambles." This first in a series of hikes is designed to introduce people to the diversity of forests and trails throughout Robinson State Park.

This moderate hike will take us to the east end of the park. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. Meet at Park Headquarters.

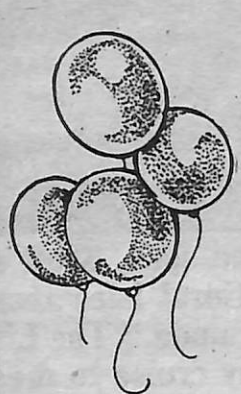
Pvt. 1st Class David Marks Completes Course In Virginia

Army National Guard Private 1st Class David E. Marks, son of Carol A. Gomes of 32 Westernview Street, Springfield, Massachusetts, and Michael L. Marks of 22 Beekman Drive, Agawam, Massachusetts, has completed a unit and organization supply specialist course at the U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia.

Students were trained in the Army supply system, unit and organization supply, fitting of clothing, packaging and storing of supplies, and organizational maintenance of small arms.

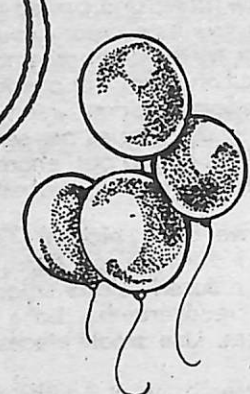
He is a 1987 graduate of Springfield Central High School.

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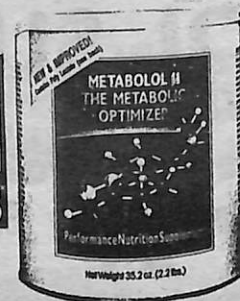
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The solution? Indulge yourself in your favorites! According to Ms. Webb, "No foods should be excluded from a healthy diet. The key to successful weight control is learning how to include favorite foods in a balanced, reasonable diet."

That balanced diet should be based on the following foods: whole grain breads and cereals; fruits and vegetables; lowfat dairy products and lean meats, poultry and fish. To this basic diet, include reasonable portions of other favorite foods.

To cut calories from some old favorites, Ms. Webb offers the following tips and strategies:

*If you're hooked on ice cream, save money and calories by buying inexpensive store brands — they're made with less butterfat. Try ice milk or fruit sorbets, too.

*If you love French fries, try the frozen ones. Ten have only 125 calories.

*Make your favorite refrigerated pie without the piecrust and save 115 calories per serving. Simply put the pie filling in a parfait glass and chill.

*If you love cream soup but can do without the cream, try making homemade versions with buttermilk instead of cream. For a quick, delicious version, try Lite Cup-a-Soup Golden Creamy Broccoli — creamy taste for only 50 calories per serving.

*When eating out, share your dessert with a friend — it tastes the same, whether you eat all or only half!

*Love fried chicken? Try this alternative: remove skin and visible fat, spread each piece with ½ teaspoon reduced-calorie salad dressing and coat lightly with bread crumbs, bake at 400 degrees for 40-50 minutes. Use small pieces for low-call chicken nuggets.

*Have a sweet tooth? Make a list of some low-calorie sweet snacks to keep it satisfied. For example, a small lollipop has only 35 calories; 4 vanilla wafers have 50; 1 frozen fruit bar, 2 fig bar cookies or 6 gum drops have 100 or less.

Litchfields Travel On "Queen Of Bermuda"



JOHN LITCHFIELD and sons, Scott and Mark, of Chestnut Lane, Agawam, were recently off for the Coral Isles aboard the "Bermuda Star" Line's Luxury Liner, "S.S. Queen of Bermuda." The Litchfields sailed out of New York Harbor bound for a week's holiday cruise to the sunny Bermuda Isles. Litchfield is with Peter Pan World Travel. His wife, Lynn, is a teacher at Agawam High School.

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- 2 quarts water
- ½ cup white wine vinegar
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 or 3 sprigs fresh parsley
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon whole peppercorns
- 1 bay leaf

Wrap salmon in cheesecloth. Combine remaining ingredients; simmer 30 minutes. Carefully place salmon in poaching liquid. Liquid must cover salmon; if necessary, add boiling water to cover salmon. Cover and simmer, allowing 10 minutes cooking time per inch of thickness measured at its thickest part or until salmon flakes easily when tested with a fork at its thickest part. Remove from poaching liquid; unwrap carefully. Remove skin and serve hot with **Herbed Hollandaise** or cold with **Sauce Verte**. Makes about 6 servings.

Salmon steaks or fillets from the Big Y seafood department can also be poached. Allow about 10 minutes.

Micro Easy — Bring all ingredients except salmon to

boil in covered casserole. Add salmon, cover and cook on high 3-4 minutes per pound. Let stand 3 minutes in liquid. Serve warm or chill in refrigerator.

Quick Herbed Hollandaise Sauce

- ½ cup butter
- 1½ Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon tarragon, dill weed or basil, crushed
- generous dash white pepper
- 3 egg yolks, well-drained of whites
- 1 Tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

In small saucepan, heat butter with lemon juice, choice of herbs, and pepper until bubbly. Add slowly to egg yolks, beating constantly with wire whisk. Stir in parsley. Makes about ¾ cup.

Sauce Verte

- ½ cup each dairy sour cream and mayonnaise
- 1 Tablespoon chopped parsley
- 2 teaspoons chopped green onion
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon dill weed, crushed
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Generous dash bottled hot pepper sauce

Combine all ingredients; mix thoroughly. Chill at least one hour to blend flavors. Makes ¾ cup.

Shrimp Louis

Shrimp fans will request "Shrimp Louie" again and again. (Of course you can substitute crab or imitation crabmeat for variation).

- 1 lb. medium shrimp — shelled, deveined, cooked and chilled

- 2-3 cups finely shredded iceberg lettuce

- 8-12 green lettuce leaves

- 4 hard cooked eggs

- 4 small dill pickles or 8 spears

- 1 8 oz. can sliced beets

- 1 3¼ oz. can ripe pitted olives

- 1 cup thousand island dressing

Wash and spin lettuce leaves. Drain ½ beet liquid from can, add vinegar to cover. Chill all ingredients. Drain pickles and olives and beets on paper towel. Cut eggs and tomatoes into wedges. Cut pickles in narrow spears.

Arrange lettuce leaves around outer edge of 4 chilled plates. Divide shredded lettuce onto center of each

plate. Top with chilled shrimp. Arrange rows of tomatoes, beets, hard cooked eggs and pickles. Add olives. Spoon on thousand island dressing or pass it in a sauce boat. Serves 4.

Tabouli...Zesty Cracked Wheat Salad

- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 cup bulgar
- 1 medium cucumber, seeded, chopped
- ½ cup halved cherry tomatoes
- ½ cup chopped parsley
- ½ cup sliced green onions
- ¼ cup chopped fresh mint
- ¼ cup olive oil

- grated peel and juice of 1 Sunkist lemon
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- ½ teaspoon herb pepper seasoning

In large bowl, pour boiling water over bulgar; let stand 1 hour. Drain. Return to bowl. Add remaining ingredients. Chill 2 hours or longer. Serve on crisp salad greens. Garnish with fresh lemon wedges, if desired. Makes 6 servings (about 4 cups).

Tortellini Salad

- 12 ounces frozen cheese-filled egg tortellini
- 2 cups broccoli flowerettes
- 2 cups diagonally sliced carrots
- 1 cup diagonally sliced celery
- 1 cup julienne red pepper
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1 package (0.6 oz.) zesty Italian salad dressing mix
- 2 Tablespoons grated Romano cheese
- 1 Tablespoon Dijon-style prepared mustard

Cook tortellini according to package directions; rinse and drain. Cook broccoli and carrots separately in 1 inch boiling salted water until tender crisp; rinse and drain. Combine tortellini, broccoli, carrots, celery, red pepper and mushrooms in large bowl.

Combine yogurt, salad dressing mix, cheese and mustard. Spoon yogurt mixture over pasta mixture; gently toss. Refrigerate, covered, 1 to 2 hours for flavors to blend. Serves 4.

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The Final Word On U.S.S. Agawam, II

The final epilogue of our article concerning the two naval ships named "U.S.S. Agawam I/II," had not yet been published. We stated that further information was yet to be received concerning the final months of active service of the U.S.S. Agawam II. Until such time as this information was forwarded, there remained little chance that any degree of accurate research or conjecture would be meaningful.

Fortunately, we did not have long to wait for this prized bit of data. On the morning of July 4th, our neighbor, **Carol DeVirgilio**, brought over the information we thought would be a long time in coming!

Here follows the final chapter, if you will, regarding the U.S.S. Agawam II. The material had been given her by her father, **Frank Biza**, a resident of Agawam and long-time collector of naval history relative to U.S. ships during World War II. As if this were not enough, Mr. Biza included photocopies of a last day cover to be sent from the "Agawam II," dated January 2nd, 1957! Hats off to Mr. Biza and Carol!

Moment Of Recall

As a courtesy to our readers, we shall briefly recall our final words regarding the U.S.S. Agawam II, as based on data-to-date at that time.

According to the official U.S. Navy History, the second ship so-named was originally launched on May 6th, 1943. The ship was designated as an AOG 6 type vessel, thereby placing it in the category of a support ship to fleet and land forces within the Central/South Pacific theater of war.

Following the ship's loan to the Army on April 1st, 1945, and having seen considerable action, she was sent to Japan as a support ship to our Army of Occupation, and thereafter, departed for China. At this point



THE CREW OF "THE U.S.S. AGAWAM I" during the Civil War. The picture is courtesy of material provided by Robert Cobb.

our story concluded due to a lack of further and accurate information.

Again, thanks to Mr. Biza, our story will terminate on the basis of concrete official data as to the final disposition of the "Agawam II."

We can now state with accuracy that following the ship's departure for China, she was involved with providing certain fueling installments on the Hwangpu River. Once again we quote from the U.S. Naval Dictionary of Ships: "Returning to Japan on 26 November 1945, she remained actively engaged in logistic support of the occupation forces until January 1946 when she was returned to Naval custody. She departed the Far East, 28 January for San Pedro, California."

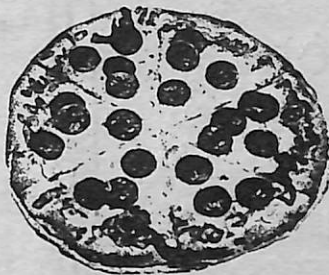
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IN OLD AGAWAM - From Page 12...

"In July 1946 Agawam sailed to Guam where she served as station ship until June 1949. During this period she made voyages to Japan, Saipan, Iwo Jima, China, and Truk. From July 1949 to October 1953, Agawam was stationed at Pearl Harbor and made voyages to Alaska and the various island groups of the Central Pacific. On 13 November 1953, she sailed for the Philippine Islands where she served as station ship until April 1954.

"Between April 1954 and November 1956, Agawam was based at Pearl Harbor and operated throughout the Central Pacific. On November 22nd, 1956, she departed Pearl Harbor for San Diego where she commenced preinactivation overhaul. Agawam was placed out of commission in reserve at San Diego on January 31st, 1957."

Needless to say, Mr. Biza's information has provided us with invaluable data relative to the "Agawam II." It would seem apparent to us that "The U.S.S. Agawam II," was not only a veteran of World War II, but she was also actively involved as a supply ship throughout the Central Pacific theater during the Korean War, thus making her a veteran of two wars.

Nor should we forget the fact that as war clouds gathered in Vietnam (1950's), "The Agawam II" was still in active service! On the basis of this date, we can say that the ship is indeed a veteran of two wars!

Speculation Pays Off

In our original series we suggested on the basis of data-on-hand, that following the term of service, "The Agawam II" might have been placed in the reserve mothball fleet. Of course, this was pure conjecture until now! At last we can properly account for the disposition of this ship as having been placed on reserve at San Diego as of the first of January, 1957. Unfortunately, we cannot account for the fact the ship is still in reserve!

Nevertheless, we do know that this grand old lady of the seas was not used for gunnery practice prior to its initial termination of service. Hopefully the ship still remains on inactive duty!

Honor Worthy Of Remembrance

The fact that these two great ships ("Agawam I & II") were named after our town cannot be denied since the official "U.S. Naval Dictionary" clearly states both ships were named after a town and river in Massachusetts.

Official naval documentation accords the first so-named ship as having seen considerable active service during the Civil War. Unfortunately, "Agawam I" has long since passed into historic glory. However, the fact remains that "Agawam II" might still be with us today, perhaps in quiet and peaceful rest after years of war service.

If such be the case, it is just possible that further information is available concerning "Agawam II." On this premise we hope to apply to the proper U.S. Naval authorities in hope that such data might be provided to us.

"A Bird In Hand..."

Until now we knew nothing about these two ships! Yet there is encouragement in the old adage: "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush."

Armed with what official data we now have, we hope to continue with our efforts to learn more official information regarding both ships.

Accordingly, it is not too much to presume that one day our town and village might establish a lasting memorial to "Agawam I/II," notwithstanding that in this tribute, we shall show total and everlasting remembrance to all the men and women who have served in all branches of the military as citizens of our long and significant history.

If nothing more than these articles exist, we can at least acknowledge the valuable information on hand. They say that "from little acorns, great oaks grow." Perhaps this is but an initial beginning to something greater in the everlasting search for a glimpse into the past history of our town.

In this we have the hope that our young people may

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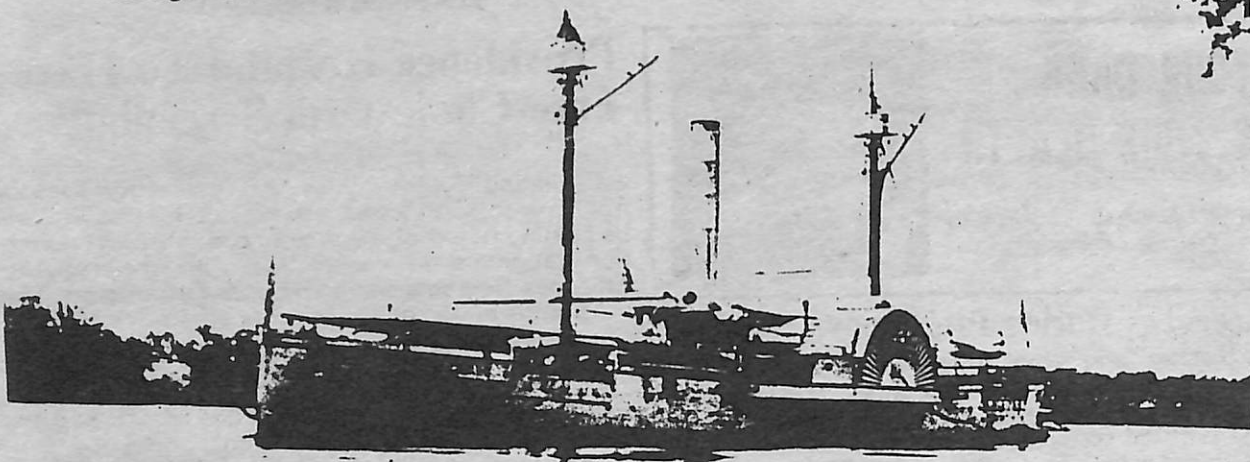
If we didn't have golf courses in Agawam, I could see their arguments having merit. Golfing is a wonderful sport but can the town actually get into another business? It has trouble just sending out tax bills to pay its own bills. Does this town manager have the ability to now get us into the golfing business? And at what cost down the road?

If Agawam likes open space, why not try to buy the 300 to 400 acres of open space around St. Anne's? I can't imagine it will cost us anywhere near what we'll be paying for this golf course. We would then have more than enough land to possibly build a future school, park, fire station, etc.

In retrospect, I find it rather amusing that Reid Charles, the same person who said the town would "match any offer" for this golf course, is no doubt the one person in Agawam who has muddled, messed-up, and confused this issue so much that he's the real liability to those trying to get this issue through the council.

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Lee's flagship was the USS Agawam, shown here on the James. (USAMHI)

LEE'S FLAGSHIP was The U.S.S. Agawam, pictured here on the James River. This picture was provided to local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry by Feeding Hills resident Dan Lacienski of South West Street.

take rightful pride and substance in those citizens who came before us and add block after block upon the pyramid that is our prideful history.

We might wonder that at one time General Creighton Abrams declined the opportunity to have a main thoroughfare in town named after him. Yet should one consider the quiet personality of this great citizen, one must realize that perhaps his better judgement at that time was based on the knowledge that he was but one of many significant hometown personalities who went on to greater fame, so he declined the well-intended memorial.

It seems somewhat of a puzzle that long after the General's death, an industrial park roadway was named after him. We cannot but wonder if it would be more agreeable to the man were we to commemorate his accomplishments in some more worthy manner, say perhaps naming the preservation of open land in his honor.

A Final Word

Among the papers received from Frank Biza was a copy of an envelope used for ship's personnel. The envelope is stamped: "U.S.S. AGAWAM (AOG-6), c/o FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA."

The postmark reads: "San Diego, California, Janu 2 PM. 1957."

Apparently, the used carrier was among the last of the official letters sent from aboard the ship.

What does catch the eye is the header on the stationery: "USS AGAWAM AOG 6, FAST COMBAT SUPPORT SHIP." Even in these words, the ship ("Agawam II") is appropriately designated as being a combat vessel!

As a final word worthy of note we wish to thank Bob Cobb, local resident, who called us the day before completion of the series. Mr. Cobb informed us he owned a rare copy of the text: "A History of the Civil War" by Benson J. Lossing, LLD and illustrated with pictures by famed war photographer, Mathew B. Brady. This most interesting memento of the Civil War was presented to veterans of that great conflict as a commemorative memorial on the fiftieth anniversary of the war.

What was of particular interest is the photograph on page 379. The caption beneath the picture reads: "Deck of Gunboat Agawam And Officers."

Our sincere thanks to Dan Lacienski, Frank Biza and Robert Cobb - their help gave us the opportunity to show "The Agawam I & II" - the visual remains of history for all to see and enjoy.

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Backaches and pains often develop during the course of pregnancy for many women. The reason in part is that the extra weight the mother is carrying may cause postural distortions which can result in irritations to the spine. This is more likely during the last trimester when growth of the fetus is rapid. There is a simultaneous increase in certain hormones in the mother which readies her body for the birth process. Two of these hormones are estrogen and progesterone which cause relaxation of ligaments in the pelvis and can also affect ligaments of the spine making them less stable than usual. The unstable spine, plus the extra weight-gain may result in added stress to some areas of the back. Possible misalignment of vertebrae and accompanying pain may occur. Already existing back problems can also be aggravated during pregnancy.

Chiropractic provide an effective approach to relieving many of these back pains. Correction of these spinal distortions by a doctor of chiropractic can relieve these spinal irritations as well as unnecessary tension. This relief will permit greater relaxation and allow for more restful sleep, so important at this time.

Chiropractic treatment is not only safe but important during these special nine months. First, it insures the pelvic bones are aligned properly for a quicker, easier delivery. Second, it allows normal nerve system function. This provides for a more harmonious relationship between mother and the developing baby.

Lowback, hip, and leg problems sometimes occur following the mechanical stress and trauma of the pregnancy and delivery. These symptoms may not go away by themselves. Chiropractic care is often successful with these after-pregnancy discomforts.

Providence Hospital To Have Free Cholesterol Screenings

Beginning Tuesday, July 12th, and every Tuesday from now through September, Providence Hospital will be holding free cholesterol testing and health information programs in conjunction with the Holyoke-Chicopee Regional Senior Services Corporation. This program is aimed at senior citizens from the Holyoke-Chicopee area.

The programs will be held from 8:00 a.m. to noon, each Tuesday, and persons interested must preregister by calling 539-2478, at the hospital.

The programs will include a free cholesterol test, a free eye and glaucoma test and information on diet, doctor's referral services, social work and discharge planning and the hospital's LifeLine response program for seniors and shut-ins.

According to Sheila Harrington, Director of the Hospital's LifeLine Program and Co-Chairperson of the cholesterol event, "This is a chance for those senior citizens who wish to come to the hospital, have their cholesterol tested and then be able to take their time and ask questions of dietary personnel, social workers and others and have their eyes tested as well."

The eye and glaucoma tests will be administered by the staff of Dr. Thomas Bombardier's office.

Ms. Harrington stressed that persons must preregister. "It is a free program but we ask people to please call the 539-2478 number to register so that we can space out the timing of the tests and give people the proper time to talk with the other health professionals who will be there."

Anyone having questions other than registering, may contact Ms. Harrington at 539-2949, or Michael J. Burke, Community Relations Director, at 539-2467, at the hospital.

Club Available For Collectors Of Avon Products In Agawam

For those who are interested, there is a club for Avon collectors. The National Association of Avon Collectors is an organization solely devoted to the hobby of collecting Avon products. Available through the N.A.A.C. is a monthly newsletter to keep members informed of Avon Collector activities around the country and *Handbook/Price Guide to Avon Collectibles*, featuring over 13,000 Avon Products. (The N.A.A.C. Newsletter and the *Handbook/Price Guide* are private publications and are not affiliated with Avon Products, Inc. in any way).

For further information regarding club membership and subscription prices for the collectors' newsletter and price guide, please write to: National Association of Avon Collectors, Department A, P.O. Box 398, New Lenox, Illinois 60451.

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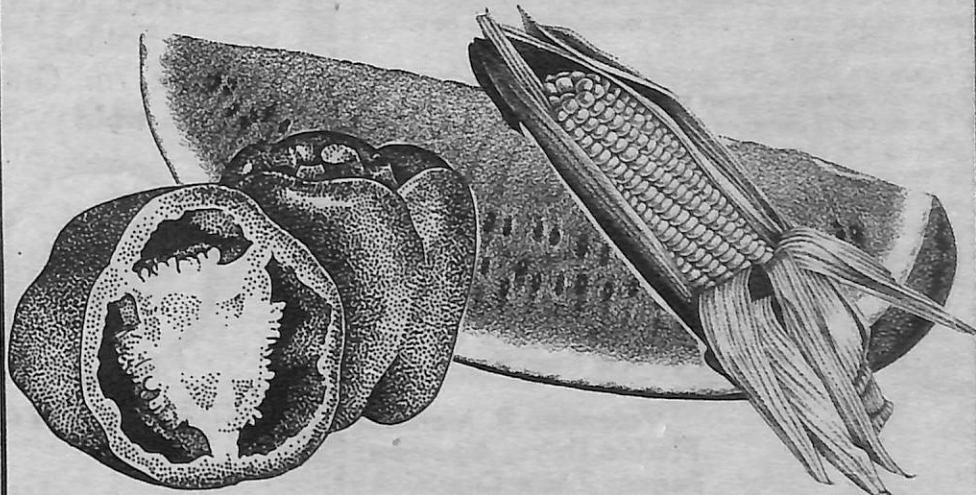
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Heritage Hall News

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK Aldo Palazzi

Aldo Palazzi was born in Springfield in the spring of 1908. He graduated from Springfield schools, and is retired from his own painting and decorating business of 60 years. The name of his company is Aldo C. Palazzi & Sons.

He and his wife, Lillian, have two sons, Richard of Agawam, and Norman of Westfield. They are also the proud grandparents of three boys and three girls.

Aldo was an avid bocce player, playing with the Dante Club of West Springfield. He was one of the Dante Club's original founding fathers. He also played bocce for the Adriatic Club of Springfield.

He was a deputy sheriff in Springfield for many years, a position he was very proud of. He was also a member of Saint Ann's Church and for many years, enhanced their choir with his strong, melodious voice.

Aldo continues to lead an active life at Heritage Hall, participating in religious programs and social events. We are proud to have Aldo as a member of our family.

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK Charles Mercer

Charles Mercer was born May 29, 1903 in Amesbury, Massachusetts. He was second to the oldest of eleven children. Charles enjoyed traveling in his younger years; he spent the winter months in Florida working as a maitre d' in resort hotels and the summer months working in the northern resorts.

After his marriage to Eleanor, his first wife, they settled in Amesbury to raise their family. He has one daughter and one son. He obtained employment with a local factory producing hats. After a few years he changed careers and obtained a position with Bailey Manufacturing Company as a foreman and operating a press machine. Charles' first wife passed away in 1968 and he remarried in 1970. He has three granddaughters, four grandsons and two great-grandchildren. Charles also has four sisters and two brothers living who still reside in the Amesbury area.

Charles was a member of the Congregational Church and was active as treasurer and deacon for many years. He is also a long-standing member of the Masons. Charles continues to remain active, participating in numerous programs and social functions at Heritage Hall.

Heritage Hall is pleased to have Charles as a member of their family.

I Remember by Norma Gallese

I remember that old expression, "Love me, love my dog."

When my courtship with my future husband Stephen looked like it was heading for the altar, I began to worry. Stephen was an avid sportsman and quite a hunter. He also was the proud owner of hunting dogs. I was always afraid of any kind of dog!

Sometimes before you marry, men will promise you the sun, the moon, and the stars. Stephen made me an even better promise. He promised that he would always take care of the dogs himself. He also promised to house them on the back porch in a shelter.

Well, you know, he kept that promise! I wasn't the only person afraid of them. Several of our relatives stayed away also. In certain cases, that was fine with me!

I will say that they were good watch dogs, as well as excellent hunters. However, I am glad that "Love me, love my dog" didn't come true for me.

McDonald's Lunch!

Recently as a change of pace, our residents at Heritage Hall were served a "McDonald's Lunch."

Hamburgers with all the trimmings, fish sandwiches and hot, crispy french fries were the order of the day.

Many of us are very fortunate. We can hop into our car and go to McDonald's any time we choose. We may not realize what a nice change it is for our residents to have a whole new menu!

The majority of older residents are not acquainted with the fast food restaurants and are interested in hearing about them. They are also looking forward to their next "McDonald's Luncheon" and are already planning future orders.

Mawaga Sporting Club Slates Barbeque

The Mawaga Sportsmen's Club is planning its Third Annual Chicken Barbeque on its Adams Street grounds for Sunday, July 24th, at 1:00 p.m.

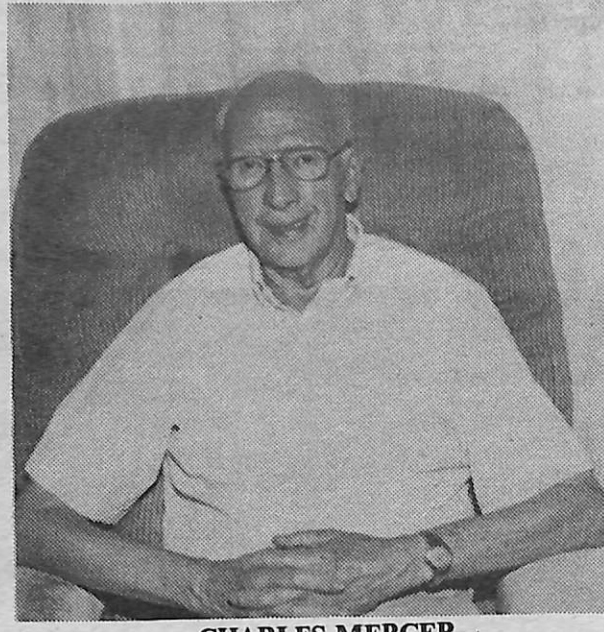
Tickets are available at Agawam SportsWorld on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Adult tickets are \$6 and children under 12 are \$3.

The menu will consist of hors d'oeuvres, chicken, corn, potato salad, macaroni salad, tossed salad, hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon, and beverages.

Games will include horsehoses, bocce, volleyball, and fishing.



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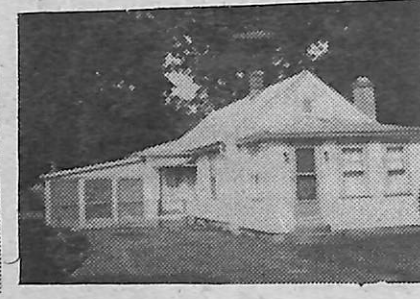
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Annual July 4th P



TOWN OFFICIALS who marched in the Annual July 4th Parade pictured above include (front, from left - David Skolnick, Jessie D. Fuller, Christopher Johnson, town councilors; Donald Rheault, Town Council president; and Rosemary Sandlin, School Committee chairwoman. Back row - Town Manager & Mrs. Reid S. Charles. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.

*Photos
by
Jeff Smith*

THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT of the Agawam Polish American Club, Richard Stepanik, Jr. (left) and John G. Kudlic, were on hand to greet townsfolk who attended the Annual Town Picnic at the club on Saturday, July 2nd. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.



THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR: Kristen Patterson and Eileen Daly. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.



ALL THE GANG WAS THERE - Donna Kerley, Kimberly Pietroniro, Carol Pietroniro, Jennifer Pietroniro, Debbie Proulx, Michael Pietroniro, and Amy & Ashley Proulx. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.

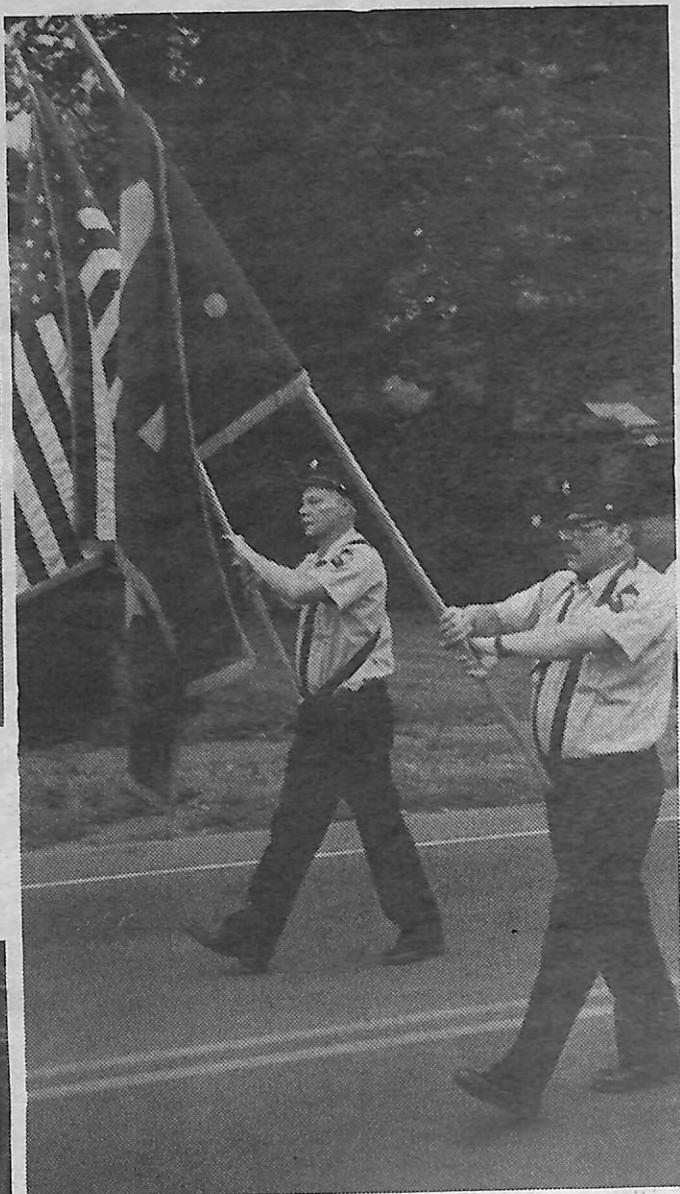


THE DESROCHERS of Oxford Place, West Springfield, attended the annual town picnic at the Polish Club. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.

Parade & Picnic



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING MOHAWKS participated in the Annual Agawam July 4th Parade on Saturday, July 2nd. The group, under the direction of Darcy Davis, is pictured marching through the intersection at Feeding Hills Center. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPT. honor guard march down Springfield Street during the Annual Agawam July 4th Parade. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.



ANN MARIE'S DANCE STUDIO PLUS, located on Mill Street, Agawam, sent a small contingent of its dancers to participate in the July 4th Parade. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.



TOWN COUNCILOR PAUL FIELDSTAD drove the Agawam Lions Club truck during the July 4th Parade. Fieldstad is a former Lions Club president. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.



LORRAINE & WALTER ZBIKOWSKI enjoy a dance to Polish tunes at the Annual Town Picnic. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.

News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

Friends welcomes more new members for 1988 and extends a thank-you for their support. Theresa C. Ferrero, Alfred Market, Mr. & Mrs. J. Michael, Rita Muller, Emily Milici, Victoria Natale, Rhea Paro, Mary E. Paine, Eleanor Reynolds, Ruth Silk, Walter Stepat, Helen Sprandel, Louis Vogt.

"Friends" membership applications are available at the Senior Center ticket booth. Individual memberships are \$3 annual. Corporation memberships are also available. Why not become a friend and join soon? Membership support is the strength of all organizations.

Agawam Senior Center Calendar

Thursday, July 14th: 1:00 p.m., program, Janet Cook and her high "IQ" canine, "Cally."

Saturday, July 16th: Saturday Night Bingo. Doors open at 5:15 p.m., game starts at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 19th: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Vision Screening by appointment. No fee.

Tuesday, July 19th: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic. M to Z.

Tuesday, July 19th: 12:30 p.m. Movie Time (title to be announced). Free popcorn and punch.

Wednesday, July 20th: 7:00 p.m. The Agawam High School Community Band Concert. Rain site: inside the Senior Center.

Thursday, July 21st: Trip to Boston, lobster clam bake.

Saturday, July 23rd: Saturday Night Bingo.

Tuesday, July 26th: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Jansons.

Saturday, July 30th: Saturday Night Bingo.

Friday, August 5th: Diabetic Screening, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., by appointment.

Tuesday, August 9th: Trip: World Yacht Cruise, luncheon, Manhattan Island, more.

Tuesday, August 9th: Blood Pressure Clinic. A to L, 1:00 p.m., by appointment.

Thursday, August 11th: 12:30 p.m. Movie Time, *Rocky*, free popcorn and punch.

Saturday, August 13th: Saturday Night Bingo.

Thursday, August 18th: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Country Western Hoe-Down, live band and good food. Tickets now on sale, \$2.00.

All classes at the Senior Center are now on summer break. Registrations for the fall semester will take place, August 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The fall semester will begin September 6th.

On June 27th, Agawam Senior Center bridge players were hosted at the West Springfield Senior Center for the Spring Tournament Play-off. Each of the bridge clubs recently held an eight-week tournament. Cumulative scores were kept and the four top-scoring players from each club met in the play-off.

Representing Agawam were **Lena Bontempo, Mary O'Connor, Helen Sprandel, and Minnie Moran**, playing against Kitty Molino, Ellie Poehlman, Eileen Fleming, and Dick Cochrane of West Springfield. Coordinators are Eunice Chandler for West Springfield and **Laura Dugan** for Agawam. For the third time, West Springfield won the play-off in a real close match.

The tournaments are held in the spring and fall with the senior centers alternating in hosting the play-offs.

"Bridge for Fun" in Agawam continues all year each Friday afternoon at the Senior Center, and is open to all who are interested.

Check Our Classifieds...

Timothy & Donna Roberts Announce Birth Of Daughter

Timothy and Donna Roberts of 292 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter Christina Ada Roberts, born July 5th at Providence Hospital, Holyoke. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and measured 21 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Roberts of West Springfield; Mr. James Liamis of Agawam, and Mrs. Carol Roselli of Feeding Hills.

Martins Announce Birth

Gerry and Lori (Strong) Martin of Oregon Street, Springfield, announce the birth of their first child, Thomas Michael, born June 9th at Wesson Women's Hospital.

Tommy weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long.

His grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. William Martin of Wilbraham, and Mr. & Mrs. Donald Strong of Feeding Hills.

His greatgrandparents are Mrs. Elvira Mercolino of Feeding Hills. Mr. & Mrs. D. Francis Strong of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Firefighters Complete Training Program

Chief Russell Jenks of the Agawam Fire Department is pleased to announce that Alan Boissoneault, Gary Brown, Louis Calabrese, and Stephen M. Martin of his department have recently completed Part II of the "First Line Supervisors Training" program offered by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. This program exposes the participants to the necessary supervisory and technical skills to insure the most effective performance of their responsibilities.

On June 24th certificates were presented at the Springfield Fire Department Training Center. During these exercises, Deputy Director of Fire Training Frederick W. Piechota extended the best wishes of the Firefighting Academy management staff to the students. Piechota expressed the hope that the lessons learned during this program will be shared with the other members of the students' departments and that by this sharing the public safety of the Commonwealth will be enhanced.



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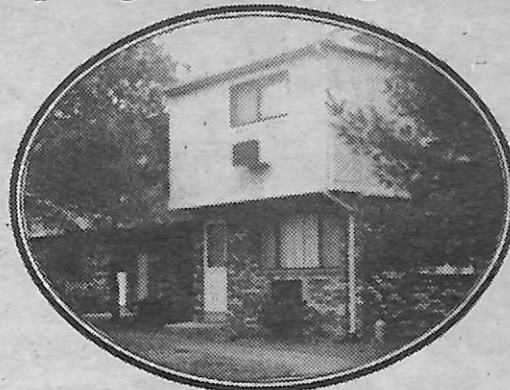
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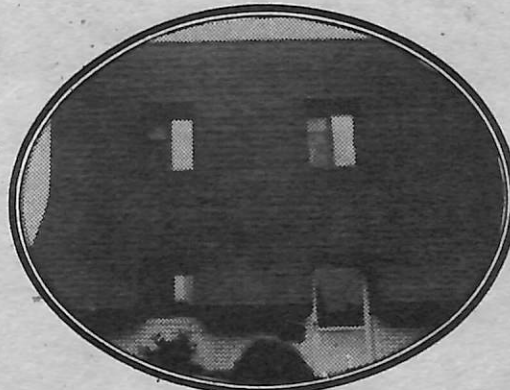


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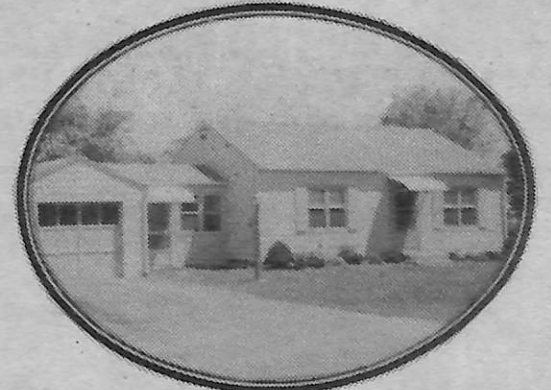
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Camp Rainbow Welcomes '88 Season

Much laughter and good times are shared by all the campers who attend Camp Rainbow, Agawam's Camp of Special Needs Children.

During the previous week and a half, the campers enjoyed Happy Balloon Clown, picnics, bowling, roller skating, a Forest Park trip, arts and crafts, music, swimming, water games, and physical education events. The campers will all take turns going to Stan's for lunch and an ice cream during the season.

The events scheduled for the week of July 18th-22nd are as follows: Monday - pony rides; Tuesday - fishing trip; Wednesday - camp day; Thursday - roller skating in the morning and an evening pizza party dance at the Italian Sporting Club; Friday - camp day.

Special thanks go out to the Agawam Lioness Club for their \$200 donation, Red's Exxon & Towing for their donation of propane gas, Milton Bradley for toys, Strathmore Paper for a roll of paper, and Christine Hanna for her generous donation of \$350, which was used for our Forest Park trip.

Volunteers should always be recognized for their efforts, and this summer they are Anne Mineo, Joy-Ann Conte, Shauna Emry, Bethaney Sudsbury, Danny Lancour, Mary Ann Cimma, and Joy Loncto. The volunteers donate their time to work with the campers for a carton of juice and milk a day.

Camp Rainbow Gets \$200 From Ag. Lioness



THE AGAWAM LIONESSE CLUB has generously donated \$200 to Camp Rainbow. The money was used to help replenish the camp's toy supply. The campers will enjoy many hours of fun playing with the new gifts throughout the 1988 season. Pictured, from left - Micky DiMauro, Renata Kluck, Michele Gendron, Joy Conte, Matt Travis, Patsy Cavallo, Anne Mineo, Nicki Conte, Samantha Spangenberg, Michon Hatin, and Leslie Pirnie from Happy Balloons. In back row are Camp Director Bernadette Conte, and Lioness members Diane Simpson and Elaine Taupier, president and treasurer, respectively. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CAMP RAINBOW DIRECTOR Bernadette Conte assists Camp Rainbow participant Michele Gendron as she arrives at camp earlier this week. Advertiser News

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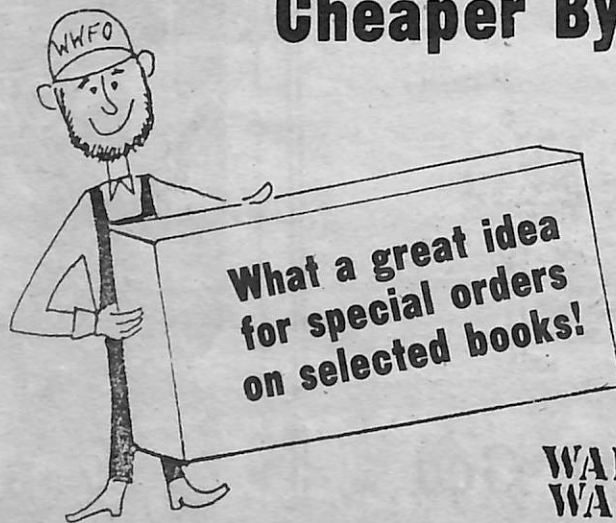
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Camp Rainbow Opens For Another Fun-Filled Summer



THE STAFF AND PARTICIPANTS of Camp Rainbow at Perry Lane Park opened for the summer season last week and were very enthusiastic about the many events and activities planned in the coming weeks. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Attend Sunday Services July 17, 1988

"Know ye that the Lord He is God, it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves, we are his people, and the sheep of His pasture."
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IRS Offers Tips For Exemptions

These are typical of questions asked by taxpayers and are presented as a public service of this publication and the IRS.

Q. Do students automatically qualify for exemption from withholding because they are students?

A. No. Students can usually qualify when they earn a low income because they work only part time or in the summer. Therefore, many have qualified for exemption from withholding in the past. It is important to note that an employee who can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return may no longer qualify to be exempt from withholding.

It doesn't matter whether the employee is actually claimed as a dependent — only that he or she can be claimed. In addition, an employee usually cannot claim exemption from withholding if he or she has any unearned income (such as interest or dividends), and the combined wages and unearned income will be more than \$500.

However, an employee filing as single with expected wages of \$3,000 or less, with no unearned income, will generally qualify to be exempt from withholding.

Q. Are self-employed people required to file a Form W-4?

A. No. The income of self-employed people generally is not subject to withholding. Instead, they generally make quarterly payments of estimated tax using Form 1040-ES. If a person is self-employed and has a job as an employee, the total taxes may be paid through withholding or a combination of withholding and estimated taxes.

Q. After a W-4 is filed, how long does it remain in effect?

A. It remains in effect until the employee completes another one or it expires. Employees are required to complete another W-4 within 10 days after they are no longer entitled to claim as many allowances as are shown on their current W-4.

A Form W-4 on which an employee claims exemption from withholding expires on February 15th of each year.

Q. Does the IRS provide any additional help?

A. Yes, the IRS offers free Publication 505, *Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax*, and Publication 539, *Employment Taxes*. Also, after your new Form W-4 takes effect, you should check to see if you are having the proper amount of tax withheld by using Publication 919, *Is My Withholding Correct for 1988?* You can get copies from your local IRS office or call toll-free 1-800-424-3676.

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Dyjak will be responsible for overseeing Big Y's total store operations, establishing and maintaining sales goals, participating and supervising merchandising activities, and also provide personnel with training and self-development opportunities.

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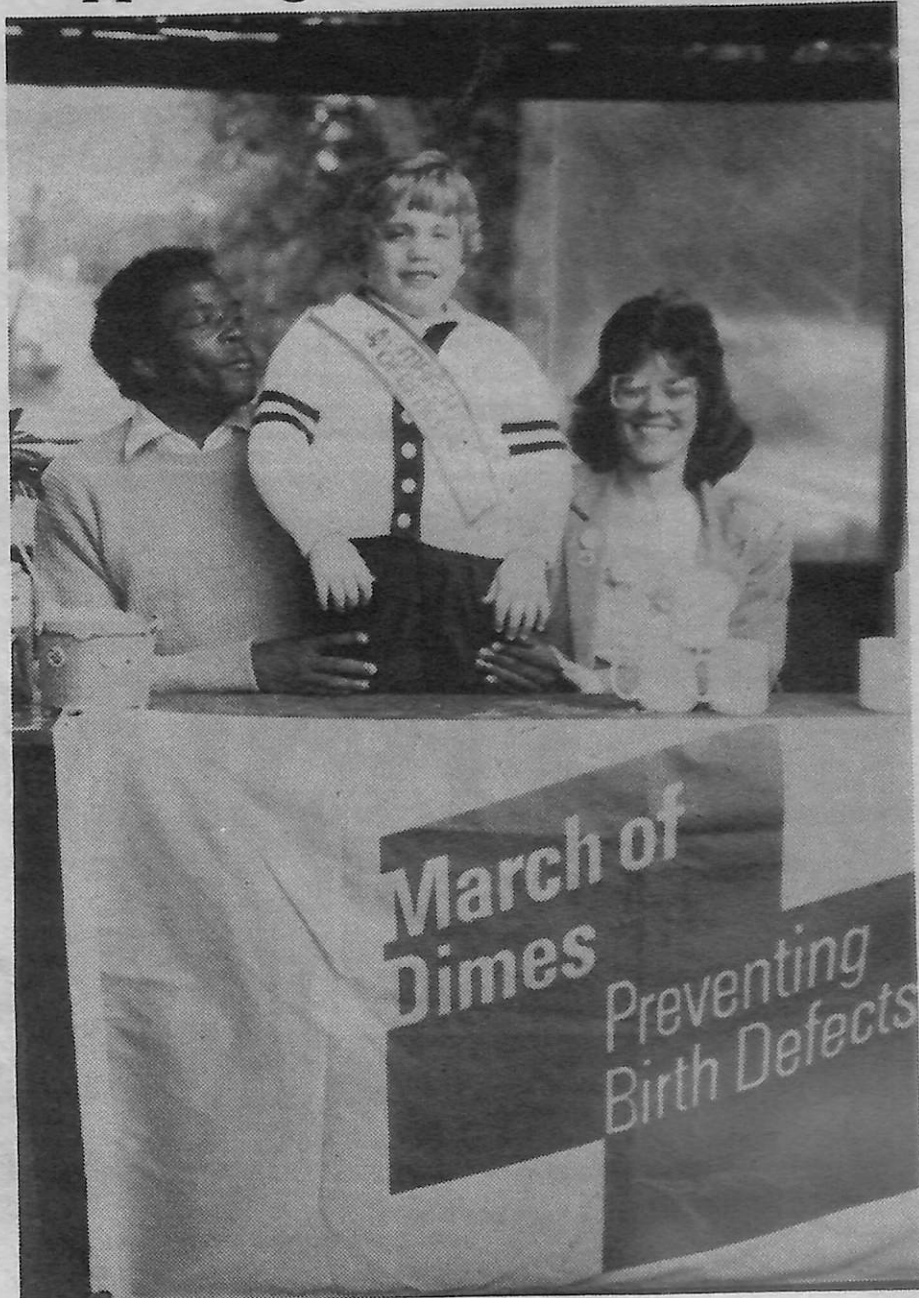
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ANNMARIE'S DANCE PLACE PLUS on Mill Street presented the "Cinderella Ballet" along with a dance program recently at Kiley Junior High School, Springfield. Pictured above are owner and operator Annmarie Morin and Pete Bowlby, who played Cinderella and the Prince, respectively. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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911 Burgers & Dogs****by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff****"We rescue appetites."**

That's the motto behind the family-owned and operated "911 Burgers and Dogs" eatery on Route 187, North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Founders Jimmy & Rose Marie Mercadante have operated the business for four years to cap-off 25 years in the food industry. The Mercadantes ran the former "A & W Root Beer" outlet on South Main Street for some 20 years, and build and operated the Ye Old Coach Inn (former Silver Carriage Inn/now Margaritaville) right next door, just below Riverside Park.

But the food at 911 Burgers and Dogs is fun. It offers home-cooking and that means freshly-cut onions and peppers; freshly-made homestyle meatballs; and delicious pies, including their very own "Mile Hi" apple pie, from scratch, on a day-to-day basis.

"There are so many fast food places today," Jimmy says. "We want to give a touch of homestyle cooking. We pick our own berries in season (blueberries, strawberries), and we sometimes freeze them and use them a bit later in our cooking."

He points out that while apple pies (lumbo portions of apple pie cut in two-inch deep squares) are daily fare, other pies are made to order. And that "pie-to-go" business last year meant a lot of pies in the oven prior to the Thanksgiving holiday for the Mercadantes.

The Mercadante's son, Dino, and his wife, Mary, are also involved in the growing business success. Dino, a recent graduate of Holyoke Community College's hospitality and restaurant management program, has in fact been working with his parents since age 11.

During this interview, the Mercadantes' granddaughter, Jennifer, was charming her way through the kitchen, and appeared at home there as the rest of her family.

The 911 logo, a registered trademark, is prominently displayed with a picture of a firefighter and a policeman holding up the logo.

The Mercadantes, in planning their business strategy, have not forgotten the town in which their family and ancestors have lived and worked for the past 100 years. They hope in the near future to establish a trust or fund that would provide assistance to fire and police personnel and/or children who have been injured or are suffering some kind of hardship.

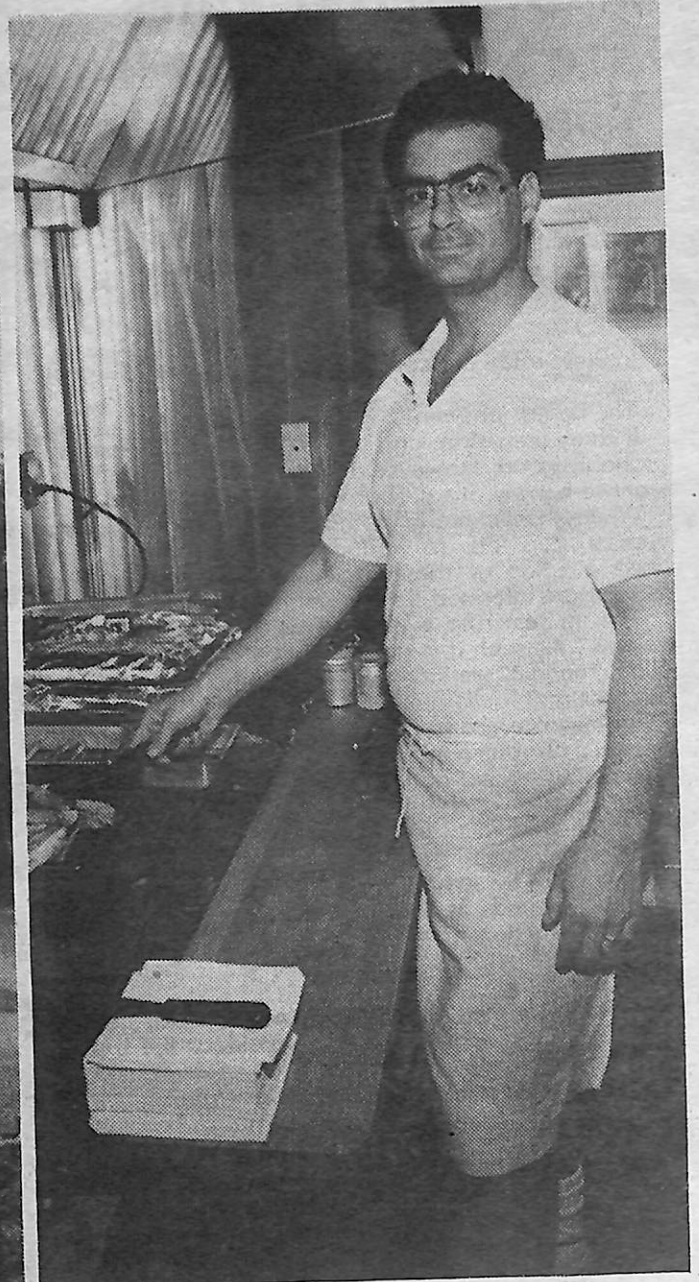
"If we do well," the Mercadantes tell us, "we want to share it with the town and the people who helped get us there."

911, located across from the entrance to Robinson State Park (just before the Westfield line), is open daily, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

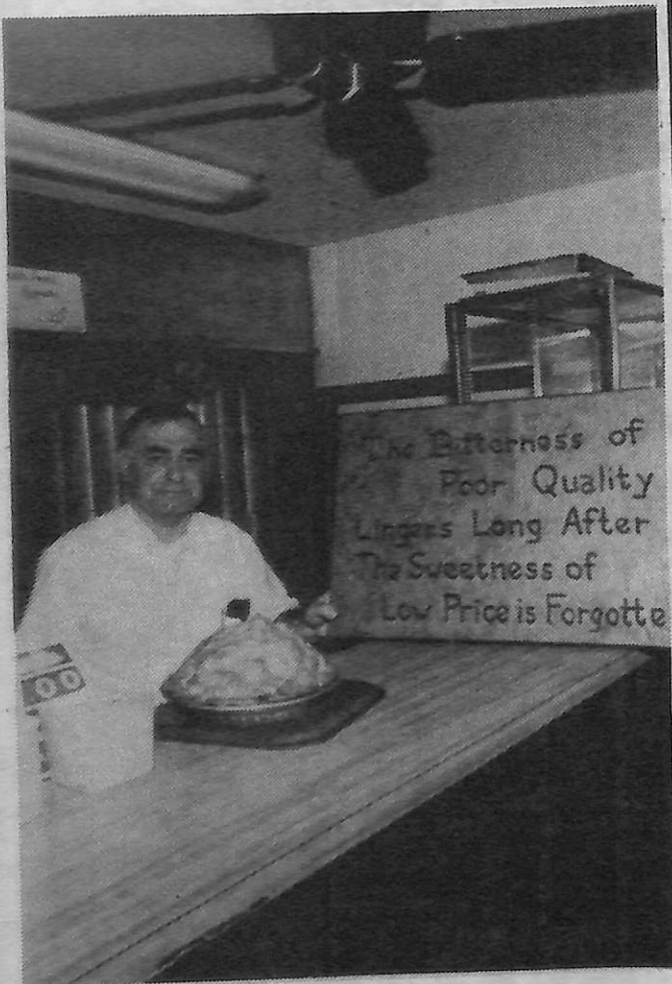
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911 BURGERS & DOGS is located on Route 187, North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DINO MERCADANTE assists his parents with the running of 911 Burgers and Dogs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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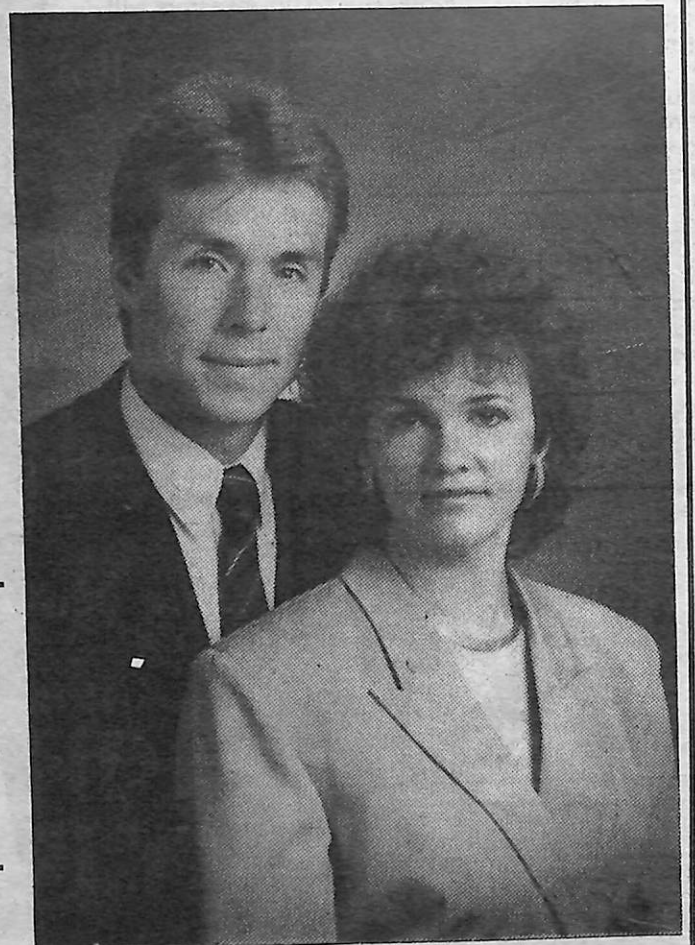
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Why Interest Rates Are So Important To Your Investments

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Interest rates are constantly changing. Is this good or bad?

The honest answer is: **it depends.**

If rates are rising, and you're looking to invest, it's probably good. However, if rates are rising and you want to borrow, it's probably not so good.

While there's really nothing we as individual investors can do to influence interest rates, an understanding of the factors involved can help us make more informed investment decisions.

The interest rate is defined as "the cost of using money." As such it is governed by the laws of supply and demand as well as a variety of other economic influences.

For instance, the high interest rates of the late 1970s are often attributed to the corresponding rise in certain commodity prices, notably gold and oil, during that time. Although such influences may seem overwhelming, more fundamental theories exist to explain the rise and fall of interest rates.

The first of these theories is the Liquidity Preference Theory. It sounds as though it should be complicated, but it's really not. It simply observes that people have three choices with their wealth: invest it, hold it (as cash), or spend it.

As interest rates rise, less money is held; people choose to invest more. In a similar vein, as the supply of money is reduced, the demand increases, thus raising the cost of money (i.e., the interest rate).

Related to this concept, but with a narrower focus, is The Loanable Funds Theory. It treats money purely as a commodity with demand (for loans) on one side, and the supply (of loanable funds) on the other. Under this theory, economic activity plays a big role.

Assuming a fixed quantity of credit, an increased demand for loans (by sectors such as government, business or individual mortgages) will raise rates. Extremely high demand by any one sector (e.g., the U.S. Treasury) can effectively "crowd out" the others by raising interest rates beyond the others' ability to pay.

In this supply/demand tug of war, the actual interest rate is affected by the inflation rate. To understand how this works in total, we first must understand "the Real Rate of Interest."

The Real Rate of Interest is the difference between the nominal rate of interest and the rate of inflation. For example, if your home mortgage is 11 percent and inflation is 4 percent, your real rate of interest is 7 percent. Or if your money market account is paying 6 percent and inflation is 4 percent, your real rate of interest is 2 percent. Inflation, in effect, subsidizes borrower costs and reduces investor returns.

Consequently, market expectations about inflation strongly influence the nominal rate of interest. If indications are that inflation will go up, investors will demand higher nominal yields to garner the same real rate of return.

Aside from the influences of the money supply, business activity and government borrowing, market professionals pay close attention to other factors that can affect the interest rate markets. Primary among these are actions by the Federal Reserve Bank (the nation's central bank), and activity in other markets including foreign exchange, gold and oil.

While over the near term any single economic factor or statistic can strongly influence interest rates, over the long haul rates can be explained through the theories of liquidity preference, loanable funds or the real rate of interest.

Understanding the outside influences on interest rates won't change how they operate, but it should lead you to more informed investment decisions. Armed with this information, you now can pursue the wide range of options presented by interest-sensitive investments.



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Janice Gallup Promoted At Bank Of New England

C.D. Harrington, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of New England-West, recently announced the promotion of Janice E. Gallup to the position of Vice President, Community Banking. She is responsible for the bank's Consumer Loan Department. Gallup, who joined the bank in 1972, is a graduate of Bates College. She is a board member of the Pioneer Valley Consumer Credit Council and is a resident of Agawam.

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PHILM REVIEW

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—Coming to America: 2½ STARS

A lightweight yet enjoyable modern-day fairy tale starring Eddie Murphy as an extremely wealthy African prince who has just turned 21 and, according to a long-time family tradition, must now marry a woman who has been chosen for him by his royal parents (James Earl Jones and Madge Sinclair).

But, before this prearranged wedding takes place, the prince has 40 days to do whatever he wants with the remainder of his bachelorhood. So, with his best friend (stand-up comic Arsenio Hall) in tow, the groom-to-be leaves his African kingdom and heads to New York, where he intends to experience the American lifestyle of a common black man and, in the process, find a young woman who will ultimately be the bride of his choice.

On the whole, *Coming to America* is pretty standard stuff. It is essentially a variation on the classic story "The Prince and the Pauper," and as you well know, this kind of plot has been reworked in a multitude of motion pictures throughout Hollywood's existence. Consequently, this new film is undeniably predictable and, needless to say, lacks any surprises whatsoever.

However, on the positive side, *Coming to America* succeeds in being a pleasant and amiable bit of comical entertainment. Director John Landis (*The Three Amigos!*) not only refreshes the movie's overly familiar material with a sense of warmhearted and sophisticated charm, but he also elicits a particularly noteworthy performance from Murphy.

The renowned "Beverly Hills Cop" turns in a tenderly funny and easygoing portrayal that represents his finest work since he starred with Dan Aykroyd in Landis' 1983 hit, *Trading Places*. In addition, as his character's loyal companion, Hall serves as a fine foil for Murphy's affable character via his easily exasperated and much put-upon persona.

Actually, the most impressive acting is done by Shari Headley in the part of Murphy's American love interest. Making her feature film debut in *Coming to America*, this comely newcomer projects a captivatingly winsome personality which enlivens her one-dimensional role and demonstrates that she has both the dramatic and comedic potential to become a first-rate and well-known actress.

—The Great Outdoors: 1 STAR

This thoroughly disappointing comedy takes place at a rustic Canadian lakefront where a good-natured man (John Candy) and his family are planning to spend a relaxing and peaceful vacation. Shortly after their arrival, however, his obnoxious brother-in-law (Dan Aykroyd) unexpectedly pops in with his own family and proceeds to ruin everyone's good time.

Though much of its plot does indeed occur outdoors, *The Great Outdoors* does not contain anything that can be called great. Reportedly made at a cost of approximately \$30 million, the general staleness of this film proves that not one penny of this hefty sum was spent on creating a script that possesses some originality.

Every single nature- and vacation-oriented joke in this picture has been told time and time again, and its weary, moth-eaten, and noticeably padded story is nothing but a retread of various elements from such sources as Chevy Chase's "National Lampoon" *Vacation* movies, the 1980 farce *Caddyshack*, and *The Flintstones* television series.

As far as the acting goes, Candy (*Planes, Trains and Automobiles*) delivers a decent performance in the part of a friendly schmuck who endures a great deal of guff and enhances the small number of laughs throughout *The Great Outdoors*; but, I must admit that while viewing his efforts in this mess, I was reminded of the far superior 1985 comedy *Summer Rental*, wherein he played a nearly identical character, encountered not-too-different vacationland problems, and thanks to better direction and a livelier script, managed to give a funnier and much more memorable performance.

Aykroyd (*The Couch Trip*), unfortunately, fares far worse than his rotund co-star. This film has him depicting a detestable individual who is so sleazy and conning that he can't be laughed at, and even his notable comedic skills aren't enough to overcome the imposing limitations of this part.

In his latest endeavor, Aykroyd's performance brings to mind a similar portrayal which he gave in *Neighbors*, a lackluster 1981 satire that marked the last silver-screen appearance of the late John Belushi. And, if you saw that picture and can remember how unbelievably loutish he was as Belushi's new neighbor, then you'll have a good idea of how unpleasant he is to watch in *The Great Outdoors*.

—Who Framed Roger Rabbit: 2 STARS

A few years back, when celebrated moviemaker Steven Spielberg (*Empire of the Sun*) got together with the not-as-well-known director Robert Zemeckis (*Romancing the Stone*), they gave us *Back to the Future*, a hugely successful time-travelling comedy that made *Family Ties*' Michael J. Fox a box-office sensation.

And this summer, Spielberg and Zemeckis have come up with *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, an overambitious and overrated comedy-fantasy which, despite its most skillful blend of live action with superb animation, left me with mixed feelings.

Set in Hollywood in 1947, this film presents us with a make-believe environment in which human beings co-exist with animated movie stars. While the flesh-and-blood actors reside in Tinseltown, the living-and-breathing cartoons dwell in nearby "Toontown."

Shortly into this story, one of Toontown's famous performers, a Bugs Bunny-ish character by the name of Roger Rabbit, is blamed for the murder of a human man who often enjoyed the company of Jessica, a cartoonish chanteuse who just happens to be Roger's wife.

Although the apparently guilty rabbit had an obvious motive for committing this heinous act, not everyone believes that Roger is responsible. Eddie Valiant (Bob Hoskins), a boozy, down-on-his-luck private detective from Hollywood who discovered the indiscretions of Roger's wife in the first place, is determined to apprehend the real culprit (or culprits) and prove that the hapless rabbit is innocent of the crime that he has been charged with.

Who Framed Roger Rabbit is, without a doubt, one of the most visually stunning motion pictures that I have ever seen. The interaction between the live actors and the cartoon characters is brilliantly executed, and the state-of-the-art animation will certainly earn this movie a well-deserved place of distinction in the annals of Hollywood history.

However, even with all of its flawless technical wizardry, the overall film is no great shakes. *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* tries to appeal to two kinds of audiences and, yet, winds up doing a disservice to both. In its attempt to entertain the wee members of the moviegoing public, the picture contains the sort of frantic and slapstick physical action that children relish and look forward to when they watch cartoons.

But, at the same time, it features much risqué humor that is clearly aimed at the grown-ups in the audience. Though these adult-oriented moments of comedy are

humorous in and of themselves, they are apt to embarrass those parents who take their kids to see this film, regardless of the fact that some of this ribaldry will not be understood by children.

Meanwhile, as if this problem isn't enough, the Humphrey Bogart-ish plot of *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* is a boring and muddled whodunit that takes a backseat to the painstakingly skillful animation. If the people behind the scenes had spent as much time on developing a well-structured and intriguing story as they did on creating their cartoon-oriented special effects, then the end result would have been dramatically interesting as well as technically stimulating.

What's more, the picture's overindulgence towards its animation affects the majority of the story's characters. The "live action" members of the cast — such as Hoskins (*Mona Lisa*) as Eddie Valiant, Joanna Cassidy (*Under Fire*) in the part of his steadfast girlfriend, and Christopher Lloyd (*Clue*) as a sinister judge — do an admirable job with their respective roles, but their performances lack some vitality because of the poorly delineated personalities of their characters.

For that matter, Roger Rabbit himself is a surprisingly bland individual whose buffoonish behavior grows tedious after a while, and he is easily upstaged by his sexy wife Jessica, whose voluptuously animated physique is perfectly complemented by the throaty voice of actress Kathleen Turner (*Switching Channels*) and who is, by far, the most delightful character in the movie.

While I have definitely made it clear that I am in disagreement with the large number of people who've been vehemently praising it, I, nevertheless, do give *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* a mild recommendation. In addition to its exceptional animation, it boasts cameo appearances by Bugs Bunny, Mickey Mouse, Daffy Duck, Donald Duck, Betty Boop, Dumbo, and other now-classic cartoon personalities.

And, in my opinion, these much-appreciated cameos, more than anything else, make this film a marginally worthwhile production for people who are teenaged or older and who have an inclination to see it.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

- *Coming to America*: Rated R for some strongly profane language, nudity, and some adult humor.
- *The Great Outdoors*: Rated PG for mild profanity.
- *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*: Although it is rated PG, the risqué nature of a good deal of its humor should have warranted a rating of PG-13 instead.

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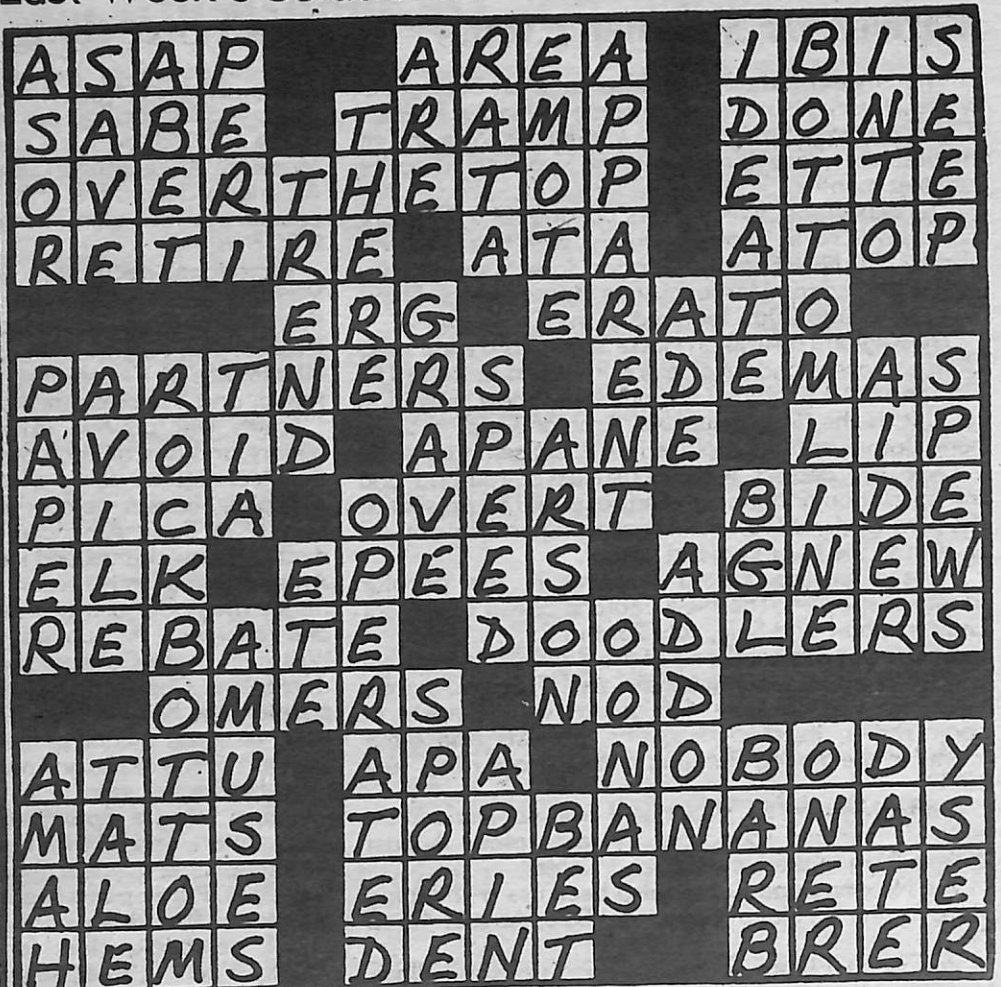
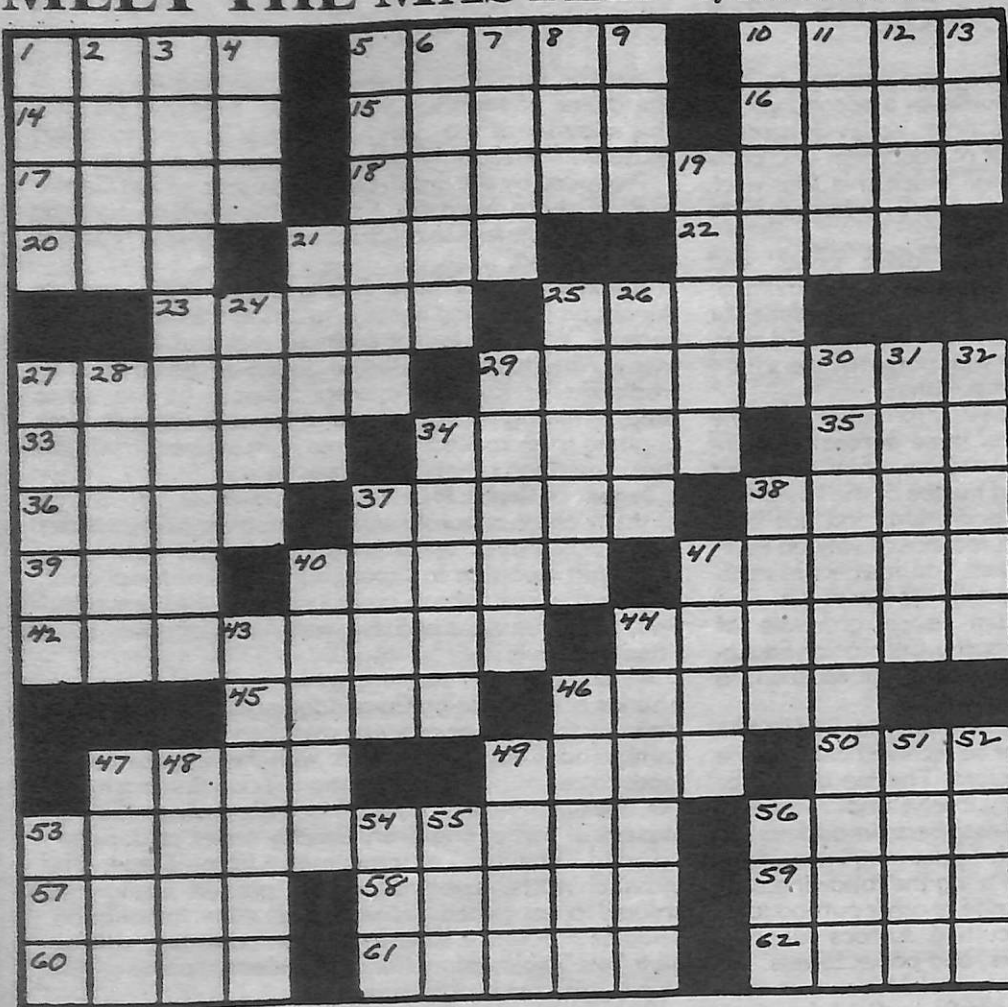
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At the meetings, the club members discuss the meanings of *Star Trek* and view video tapes and read literature about Trek. In the process, they make new friends and are exposed to different viewpoints and opinions.

Come and be a part of this ongoing and fascinating dialogue. Unless circumstances prescribe otherwise, the club meets on the third Saturday of the month.

This month the meeting will take place Saturday, July 16th, at 7:00 p.m., at 29 Central Street, Apartment B, Springfield.

For further information regarding the club and what it entails, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Western New England Star Trek Fan Club, 43 Simpson Circle, Agawam, MA 01001.

Eastern States Exposition Lists Variety Of Summer Events

The Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts is not just the home of the Big E, "New England's Great State Fair." A variety of shows and activities take place throughout the year including the summer months.

The Exposition, which offers parking for 9,000 cars, hosts seven horse shows annually, with two big horse shows - The New England Quarter Horse Show, August 4th to 7th and the Massachusetts Morgan Horse Show, August 16th to 20th, featured in the Coliseum.

The Region 16 Arabian Horse Show has a wide spectrum of classes and takes place July 20th to 24th. The Region 16 All Arabian Gelding Horse Show, July 30th to 31st, is the first annual All Arabian Gelding Show here. Both events take place in the Coliseum as well.

Over 100 dealers with thousands of railroad and transportation antiques and artifacts will be present at the New England Railroad Transportation Show on July 10th in the New England Center.

Housed in the Young Building is the popular livestock show - The New England Sheep and Wool Growers Show and Sale, July 23rd to 25th.

4-Her's are a special part of the Big E and they have a place in the summer schedule also. Talented youths from Hampden County 4-H groups will compete in horse shows, livestock handling contests and other events in the Young Building and Outdoor Ring, July 30th.

CraftAdventure '88, the annual craft contest and exhibit of fiber and fabric artistry takes place August 26th to 28th in the New England Center.

The New England Center also becomes a shopping plaza for the Ski Haus Summer Ski Sale, August 4th to 7th.

Storowton Village, a historic 19th century Village located on the fairgrounds, will also host some special summer events:

- The Summer Herbal Luncheon series features the healthful cooking of the nineteenth century in Storowton's shaded Phillip's House Garden, July 20th and 27th.

- Paul Gamelli's Speak-easy Gang, provides the music entertainment for another outdoor evening concert on Storowton Green with sing alongs, show tunes, and dixieland, July 14th at 7:30 p.m.

- Children relive nineteenth century summer days at Storowton's Colonial Summer Day Camp, with two sessions, August 1st to 5th, and 8th to 12th.

- Antique collectors will want to browse through Storowton's Antique and Collectibles Market, August 28th.

Don't wait until September to visit Eastern States Exposition. There's something offered for everyone this summer! This year's Big E takes place September 14th to 25th.

Exit Seven Players Announce Auditions For *Brigadoon*

The Exit Seven Players announce audition dates for the musical *Brigadoon* by Lerner & Loewe which will be presented on November 3rd, 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th at the Chestnut Street Theater in Ludlow. Mark Giza will be directing, with Karen Dion as the musical director and Jennifer Hebert as choreographer. Auditions will be held the evenings of Sunday, July 31st and Monday, August 1st, at 7:00 p.m. at the theater.

Major roles are available for both singing and non-singing performers. Choreography will be developed according to the abilities of the cast. Actors auditioning for parts of Tommy and Fiona should be prepared to sing a song from the show. Music and words will be available at the theater. Any other singers auditioning should bring their own material. Some strong dancers will be needed for strictly dancing roles. Auditions will be held in three segments each night: singing, dancing, lines.

Rehearsals for *Brigadoon* will begin after Labor Day. Special arrangements can be made for any individual who cannot make the audition dates of July 31st or August 1st. For further information call Mark Giza at 543-4203.

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Museum Offers Victorian Wall Stenciling Course

The overwhelming popularity and interest in Victorian wall stenciling has resulted in a second course to be offered by the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. Alice Smith, Curator of Education and Early American decorative artist, will teach this four-week course, beginning on Thursday, July 21st from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Victorians decorated with a lavish hand, and Victorian-era stenciling was more elaborate and ornate than that of an earlier period. In this four-week series of classes, participants will learn to cut stencils and stencil samples of Victorian-style wall patterns, stencil on fabric, and Victorian theorem painting.

Smith will provide extensive information on the history and use of each one of three decorative painting techniques, using slides and examples from her portfolio. She is a member and trustee of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, and has conducted many classes and lectured extensively on Early American decorative techniques. Smith works in traditional methods, using historically accurate patterns and designs. A summa cum laude graduate of Westfield State College, she is the Curator of Education at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, a position she has held for three years.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required before the start of the class, and must be received at least one week before the start of the class. The fee is \$31 for members of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, and \$34 for non-members, in addition to a materials fee payable directly to the instructor at the first class. Participants should bring the following supplies to the first class: x-acto knife or other cutting tool, pencil, notebook, glass for cutting surface (approximately 8"x10"), ruler, scissors, and paper towels.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.



Japanese Crafts On Display At Smith Art Museum

Artistic interchange between Japan and America is the theme of *Japanese Crafts: New England*, on view this summer at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum from July 17th through September 24th.

Produced by the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center in Brattleboro, Vermont, the exhibition will feature the works of Japanese and American craftspeople living in New England.

Japanese crafts have had a strong influence on American crafts and decorative arts since the late 19th century. With the recent crafts revival in this country, many Americans traveled to Japan to observe craft traditions or to serve apprenticeships. At the same time, a number of Japanese craftspeople came to New England to distance themselves from the very tradition that American artists were seeking out.

Japanese Crafts: New England is a visual celebration of this vibrant cultural exchange process, and includes works in ceramics, textiles, wood and metal. In keeping with craft tradition in Japan, all works are functional, and as the Brattleboro curators say in their introduction, "The strengths of these works lie in a beauty identified with use."

Among the most stunning works in the exhibition are a series of kimonos by Cambridge artist Yasuko Yabe. Yabe uses the age-old wax-resist on silk technique, combining traditional motifs with highly abstracted landscapes of her own invention. Yabe demonstrated her wax-resist technique this fall during the art museums' Something Every Sunday series on Japan.

David Phillips, a craftsman from Somerville, Massachusetts, used Japanese garden design to create a contained bronzed and stone installation. Thomas Hucker, a Charlestown woodworker, will exhibit *Low Table*, a functional and elegant piece of rich wood with cast bronze supports.

The potters included in *Japanese Crafts: New England* reflect the variety of Japanese ceramic wares and the many techniques used by Japanese potters. Hajima Gen Kozuru was born into a family of potters who, for four generations, had been making simply, functional wares. Since moving to New England, his pieces range from highly controlled forms of tea ceramics with natural ash glazes to hand-built pieces with bright over-glaze enamels.

Curator Steven Kern noted that this exhibition will enhance the museum's own rich collection of Japanese decorative arts. "And because this area is so rich with crafts, this exhibition will be a nice way to highlight the centuries-old craft tradition in New England."

Curators for the show, originally produced by the Brattleboro Museum, were Anne Nishimure Morse of Boston and Samuel Morse of Amherst College.

Mount Holyoke Theatre Presents "Our Town"

The Mount Holyoke College Summer Theatre proudly presents *Our Town*, Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning study of Americana, from Tuesday, July 26th through Saturday, July 30th at 8:30 p.m. on the Mount Holyoke College campus in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

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"Night Of Romance" Planned By Symphony At Stanley Park

The Springfield Symphony Pops will present "A Night of Romance," Thursday, July 21st, at Stanley Park, Westfield. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.; in case of rain, it will be held Friday, July 22nd, at 7:30 p.m.

Guest Conductor Alasdair Neale will lead the Springfield Symphony Pops in a performance of some of the world's most romantic melodies. Highlights of the evening's music will be *Romeo and Juliet* by Piotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky, the *Emperor Waltzes* by Johann Strauss; the "Wedding March," from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; "What I Did For Love," from the Tony-Award winning Broadway musical, *A Chorus Line*; and the "Love Theme" from the smash movie *St. Elmo's Fire*. Neale comes to the Springfield Symphony Pops from New Haven, Connecticut, where he is Music Director of the Yale Symphony Orchestra. In addition to his work at Yale University, he is currently conductor of the Pre-College Orchestra of the Julliard School in New York City.

Concertgoers are encouraged to get into the romantic spirit of the evening by entering the Fourth Annual Summer Pops Picnic Contest. There is no charge to enter the contest; however, entrants must hold a ticket for the July 21st performance. Entrants simply need to check in at the concession tent before 6:15 p.m., to pick-up an entry form and a market flag. Prizes will be awarded for the most exotic menu, the best use of color, the best presentation, and the most romantic picnic for two.

Entries in past years have ranged from intimate candlelit picnics to theme picnics executed on a grand scale, such as "American in Paris" picnics, "M*A*S*H" picnics, and Victorian Lawn Parties.

Winners will receive one of the following prizes: a pair of subscription tickets to the Orchestra's Sunday Pops Concerts for 1988-89; a "Summer Fun Package" courtesy of WMAS Radio, which includes four tickets to Seven Seas Whale Watch, four tickets to Riverside Park, four WMAS t-shirts, and a kettle grill; a weekend for two at the Sheraton West, including dinner for two at Barclay's; a bottle of champagne courtesy of Town

Walk Victorian Homes In Springfield Aug. 16th

Take a walk with one of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum's curators through the Museum's newest exhibit, **Valley Victorians: Springfield Area Homes of the Nineteenth Century**, on Tuesday evening, August 16th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Enjoy a personal presentation of the Victorian exteriors and interiors on display. Many of these buildings are still standing today as some of the Valley's finest homes and work places. After this inside look at Springfield during Victorian times, watch a video showing how Victorian homes developed all across the country during this "Golden Age."

Is it Gingerbread, Gothic or Georgian you ask? Join us to find your favorite Valley Victorian.

Tour size is limited to the first 20 people to arrive at the Museum on the night of the tour. There is no charge for this special evening tour of **Valley Victorians**. Donations to the Museum are strongly encouraged. For more information please contact the Museum at 413-732-3080.

"Valley Victorians: Springfield Area Homes of the Nineteenth Century" will be on view through June 15, 1989. The exhibition is sponsored by Sunshine Art Studios of Springfield, with contributions from the Springfield Women's Club and special gifts from Springfield Library and Museums Association members.

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"Introduction to Plate Lithography" is an intensive four-session course designed to familiarize participants with basic drawing and wash techniques, as well as the processing and printing of aluminum lithographic plates. These plates are relatively large, inexpensive and portable — allowing students to draw their images outside of class if so desired. Students should be able to produce two or three black and white editions of eight or 10 prints each.

Session I of "Introduction to Plate Lithography" will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. on July 19th, 21st, 26th and 28th. Session II will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on August 2nd, 4th, 9th and 11th.

Students can also investigate the exciting and versatile art of the monotype in two sessions of "Monoprinting." This new course will introduce students to several different approaches to this rather unusual and accessible technique, including color rolls, fountain rolls, watercolor monoprinting and the use of multiple runs through the press. This course will stimulate experienced students but is also fantastic for beginners.

Session I of "Monoprinting" will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on July 19th, 21st, 26th and 28th. Session II will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. on August 2nd, 4th, 9th and 11th.

Students are encouraged to take these courses in combination with each other. Facilities include studio space and one of the few lithography presses available to students in the region.

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Education

Fourth Graders Praised For "Move-Up" Day

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Fourth Grade "Moving Up Day" was held June 21st, at Granger Elementary School this year. P.T.O. President Alma Benton said, "Approximately 115 balloons were lifted to celebrate." The balloons were donated through the efforts of the Granger P.T.O.

Fourth grade students presented a tree for the north side as their class gift to the school through the P.T.O. 105 graduates received certificates of achievement from their classroom teachers — Nancy Rauseo, Fred Montesi, Thomas Carpenter, and Ed Bator.

Poster Contest winners **Laura Misiewicz** and **Christa Sirois** each received a \$50 savings bond, and first grade Coloring Contest winners **Jennifer Loomis**, **Leila Mounemneh**, and **Robert Boulay** received certificates.

Principal James H. Loomis, Jr., presented awards for perfect attendance this year to **Roland Ratta** (a fourth grader who has only missed one day since kindergarten); **Christian DeBonville** (who only missed two days since kindergarten); **Marianne Hines** and **Rebecca Wing**.

Third grader **Ryan Baumann**, second graders **Christina Gelula** and **Michael Albro**, and first grader **Jennifer Smist** also had perfect attendance records for this year.

Sergeant Alfred Longhi of the Agawam Police Department presented awards to the first class of fourth grade safety patrol students this year to **Christine Musaka**, **Jason Bryant**, **Jason Devine**, **Marianne Hines**, **Lindsay Loomis**, and **Stephen Bennett**.

Grade 4 Physical Fitness Awards

Physical Fitness Awards were presented by physical education instructor Paul Bachini to **Theresa Brown**, **Christopher Cochlo**, **Bruce Cortis**, **Kristopher Kelley**, **Kara McDade**, **Danielle Petrangelo**, **Jamie Sternowski**, **John Voight**, **Joe Fiorentino**, and **Samantha Collette**.

Also, **Michael Maslowski**, **Jeremy Roy**, **Maryann Spring**, **Michael Vinesette**, **James Baldyga**, **Jessica Brunelle**, **Christine Mazeika**, **Mark Polumbo**, **Jeff Rousseau**, **Carl Wesley**, **Brian Bouley**, **Courtne Hyland**, **David Mason**, **Neil White**, and **Jackie Wisniewski**.

Molly Landers and **Erin Wards** accompanied Mrs. Starky (music instructor) on keyboards to play "Joy To The World" as the fourth graders sang. "This is not the Christmas carol you might be thinking it is before you hear it," said Mrs. Starky as she gave the introduction.

Achievement Certificates for the Project S.E.E. enrichment program were presented to **Theresa Brown**, **Christopher Coelho**, **Adam David**, **Christy Dubay**, **Matt Gordon**, **Juliette Harris**, **Molly Landers**, **Andrew Markowski**, **William Rivers**, **Kelly Shaw**, and **Gregory Weld**.

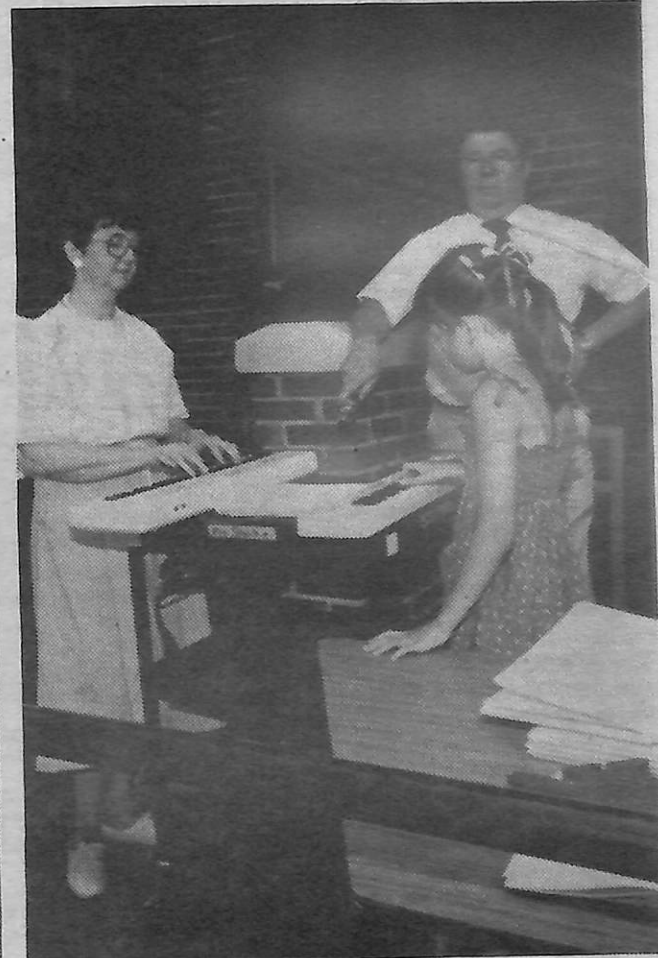
Principal Loomis ended the program with a few words of wisdom. "As they say, 'we suffer these years for this.' Through the tears, doubts and anxieties, they have done well. They are ready to go to Middle School to one of the hardest grades in their school years. This is a good class," he said.

Everyone was invited to the cafeteria to enjoy refreshments sponsored by the Granger P.T.O. after the ceremony. There were two beautiful sheet cakes decorated in the school colors of white and green in honor of the class.



IN PHOTO ABOVE, Granger School fourth graders salute the flag during June 21st "Moving Up Day" ceremonies; IN PHOTO LEFT (below), Bruce Cortis receives his award from Principal James Loomis and physical education instructor Paul Bachini. IN PHOTO RIGHT, music teacher Silvia Starkie is accompanied by Molly Landers on the keyboard as the fourth graders sang "Joy To The World." PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 31 for more photos of "Moving Up Day."

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“Moving-Up Day” Ceremonies End Year For Granger



SAFETY OFFICER AL LONGHI presents an award to Granger School student Carl Wesley during “Moving-Up Day” exercises on June 21st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KARA MCDADE is all smiles after physical education instructor Paul Bachini presents her with a physical fitness certificate. Looking on are Principal James Loomis and Safety Officer Al Longhi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CHRISTINE MAZIEKA accepts her certificate from Safety Officer Al Longhi and Principal James Loomis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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by Ralph Rachele

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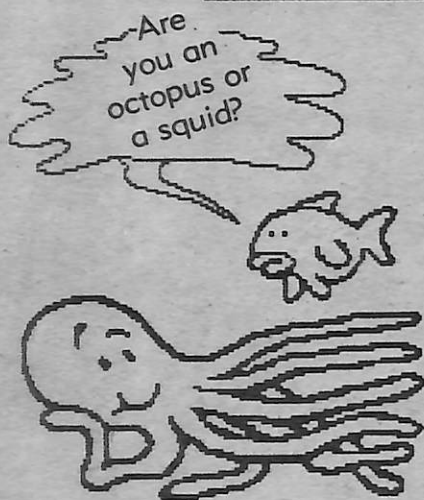
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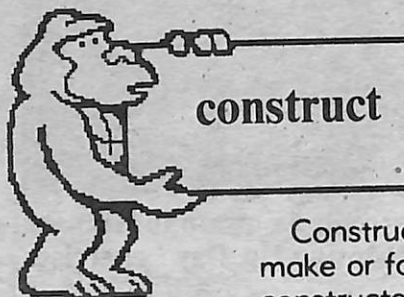
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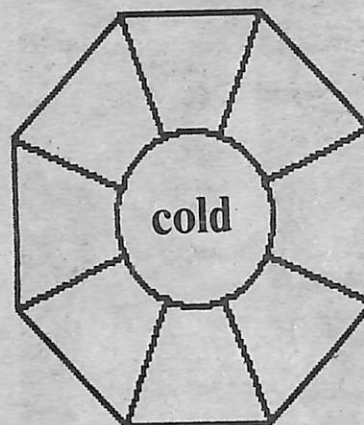
Hi everyone!
Well, the heat wave is back. No matter if it's at a pool, or at the beach, or under a sprinkler, try to stay cool. By the way, an octopus has eight arms and a squid has ten arms. See ya next time.



VOCABULARY CORNER

Construct means to build, make or form. Things can be constructed out of wood, paper, and sand to name a few. Can you think of other materials used to construct something?

OCTAGON



Using the word in the circle, change one letter at a time to form 8 different words around the octagon. E.G. 'PORT' can become 'part' by changing the 'o' to 'a'. Then you could form 'post' by changing the 'r' to 's'.

PATTERNS

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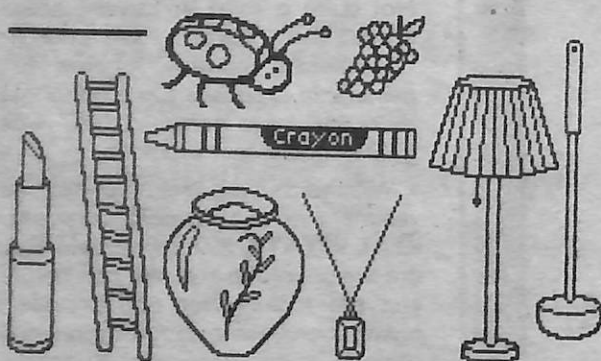
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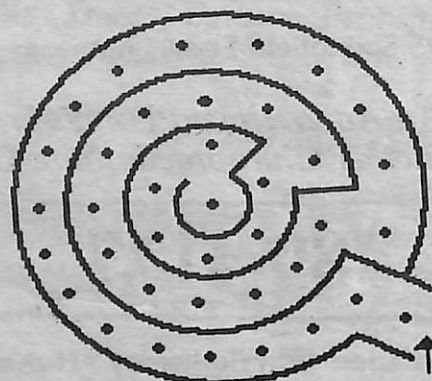
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"Farewell Assembly" Praises Efforts Of Robinson 4th Graders

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On June 20th, Robinson Park Elementary School held a Farewell Assembly for its fourth grade students. Twenty students from Room 14 (Mrs. Burnett), 21 from Room 12 (Mr. Bower), 22 from Room 20 (Mrs. Regish), and 23 from Room 15 (Mrs. Whitehead) received a certificate with calligraphy done by Susan DiMare, a P.T.O. parent at Robinson.

The P.T.O. provided the certificates and each classroom teacher presented them to the elementary graduates.

Awards were presented to the children by Principal Barbara Skolnick. Safety Patrol awards went to **Marc Guillemette, Andrew Ingham, Jonathan Jacobsen, Bounchanh Kheumun, Courtney Limbert, Jared Longley, Selena Machia, Mary Parrotta, Heather Pfeffer, and Todd Shively.**

Awards for the Spelling Bee Championship were given to **Selena Machia** and First Runner-Up **Nicholas Davio.** Agawam High School Peer Educators Essay Contest winners went to **Susan DeFilipi** (first prize) and **Cara Rust** (second prize). Principal Barbara Skolnick also gave a farewell message to the students.

Teacher Ann Bradford presented certificates for Project S.E.E. students to **Daniel Barber, Matthew Bulmer, Danielle LaBarre, Selena Machia, Jason Reed, Michael Robinson, Catherine Willis, and Karla Zambelli.**

As a memento of their study of Japanese culture, each child received a special gift consisting of a folder decorated by an origami flower with chopsticks inserted in the cover. Inside the folder, the child's name was inscribed in Japanese calligraphy. These special gifts were provided by Mrs. Burnett and Mr. Bower.

Music instructor Mrs. Bielin and the chorus provided the music for the program. Songs included "The Mosquito Blues," "I Like Being A Kid," and "So Long."

Courtney Limbert, Elana Campuciani, Bounchanh Kheumun, and Teresa Savina read essays they had written about memories of their years at Robinson.

ROOM 12 - MR. BOWER

Daniel Barber, Nicole Boyer, Lisa Cassanelli, Jeffrey Cressotti, Keith Daubmann, Christina Davenport, Kelly Dugan, Kevin Ghareeb, Jeffrey Harlin, Jonathan Jacobsen, Courtney Limbert, Kevin Navick, Mary Parrotta, Peter Petell, Todd Shively, Christopher Suffriti, Jeremy Surreira, Bianca Talbot, Tracy Wandrei, Catherine Willis, and Carisa Wright.

ROOM 14 - MRS. BURNETT

Alfred Albano, Elaina Almerna, Jennifer Borgatti, Elaina Campuciani, Michelle Giguere, Beau Girard, Todd Hathaway, James Hollins, Joshua Koller, David McCarthy, Melissa Montagna, Patrick Napoli, Rachel Niemiec, Derek Parker, Michael Perry, Michael Robin-



ROBINSON PARK FOURTH GRADERS Teresa Savina and Elana Campuciani read their essays about the memories they had during their years at the school. The girls will be moving up to the Agawam Middle School as fifth graders.

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son, Jamie Thomas, Cindy Turcotte, Mark Turgeon, and Mark Vincze.

ROOM 15 - MRS. WHITEHEAD

Neil Crowley, Jonathan David, Susan DeFilipi, Kim Faust, Jeffrey Gaylor, Elizabeth Gervais, Melanie Guillemette, Andrew Ingham, Eric Johnson, Bounchanh Kheumun, Meagan Langevin, Todd Levesque, Jared Longley, Selena Machia, Melissa Murphy, Adrienne O'Quinn, Jason Reed, Coleen Rego, Ceciley Rivest, Cara Rust, Kristen Scarlett, Nikki Suffriti, and

ROOM 20 - MRS. REGISH

Justin Barber, Matthew Bulmer, Lindsey Connell, Alicia Daigneau, Nicholas Davio, Arthur Eddy, Marc Guillemette, Jennifer Klundt, Danielle LaBarre, Corey Leitch, Carl Mahoney, Cathy Myers, Jill Osowski, Heather Pfeffer, James Pliska, Teresa Savina, Serge Theberge, Kristen Tierney, Steven Willett, Jeremy Wilson, Karla Zambelli, and John Szramowski.

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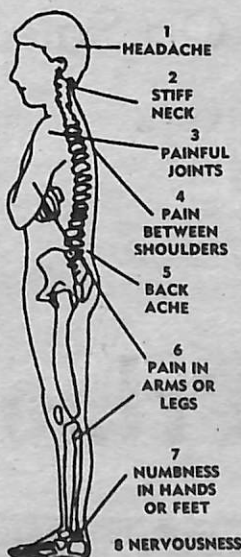
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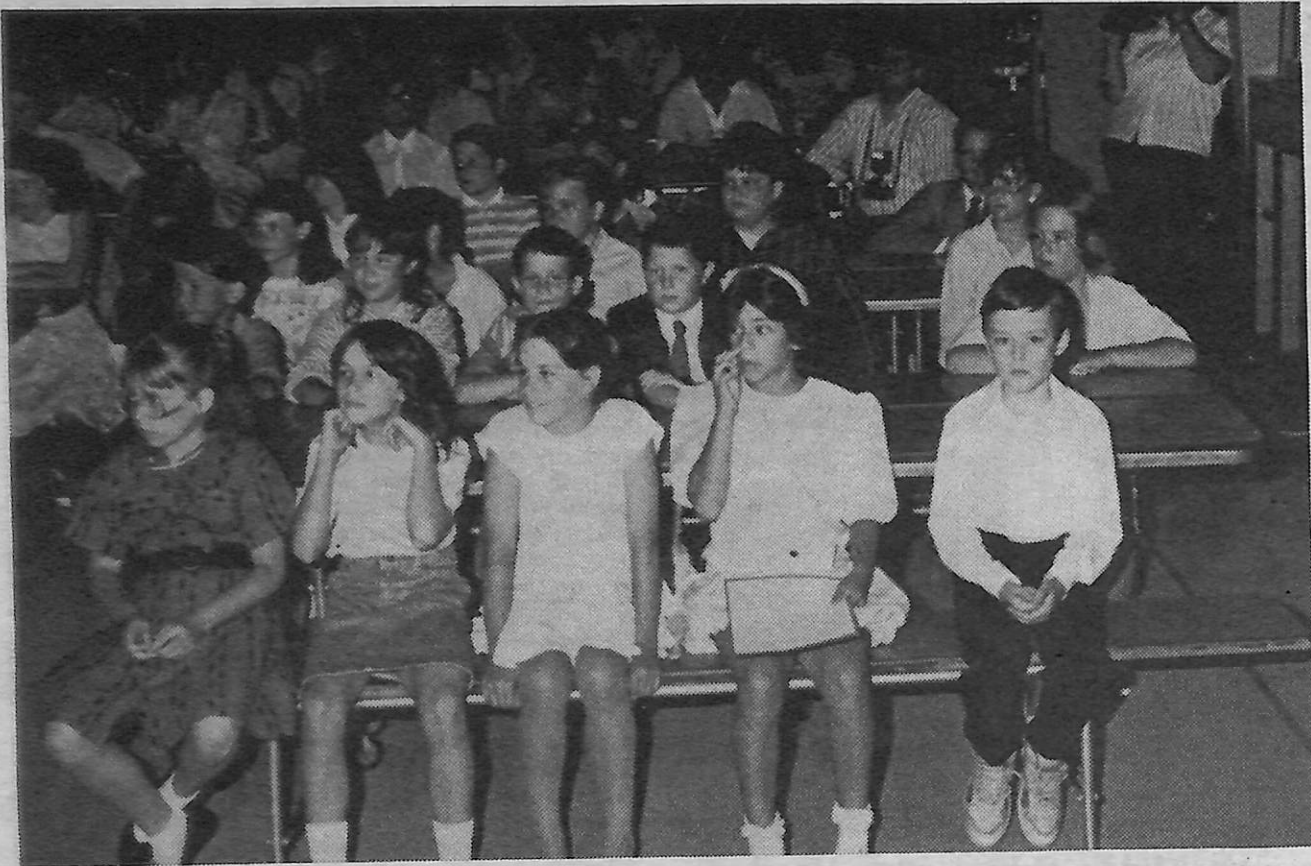
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Fond Farewell For Robinson Park Fourth Graders



GRADUATING FOURTH GRADERS at Robinson Park School listen to Principal Barbara Skolnick bid them a fond farewell as they embark to their new studies at the Agawam Middle School in September. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BOUNCHANH KHEAUMUN reads her essay about her memories at Robinson Park School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE GRADE 4 CHORUS performs at Robinson Park School for the Annual Farewell Assembly on June 20th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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SPELLING BEE WINNERS at the Agawam Middle School were Heather Christman, first; Thomas Scherpa, second; and Deborah McKenna, third. Pictured with the students are Assistant Principal William Sapelli (left) and Principal Ralph Zavarella. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Middle School Names Spelling Bee Winners At Grade 5 Assembly

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The First Annual Fifth Grade Spelling Bee at the Agawam Middle School was held Monday, June 20th. From the 12 fifth grade classrooms, two finalists from each room were selected to compete for first, second, and third place.

After a truly challenging contest, three children emerged as champions. First place was awarded to **Heather Christman**, while **Thomas Scherpa** placed second, and **Deborah McKenna** came in third place.

These three winners were awarded trophies at a special Fifth Grade Assembly held on the last day of school, June 21st. The assembly also honored many other accomplishments by students throughout the year and had some enjoyable entertainment provided by students.

Principal Ralph Zavarella and Assistant Principal William Sapelli were on hand to congratulate the fine efforts of students and present some of the awards for the accomplishments of many.

Zavarella has instituted many innovative programs at the middle school, including the D.A.R.E. Program in conjunction with the Agawam Police Department, and the Peer Leadership Program in conjunction with Agawam High School students.

Middle School can also be proud of the smooth transition this year from a sixth and seventh grade school last year, to fifth and sixth grades this year.

Middle School should remain at these grade levels for the next two years (1990), according to the projected plans of the sub-committee for the School Committee's Enrollment Study.



PRINCIPAL RALPH ZAVARELLA and teacher Linda Ulrick present a special award to student Adam Tebaldi at June 20th Awards Assembly. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Now That Summertime Is Here, Your Home Should Be Child-Proofed To Avoid Tragedy

Toddlers can be a real joy whether they're your own children or a niece, nephew, or grandchild. And now that summertime is here, make sure you are fully prepared for their upcoming visit by child-proofing your home. The Greater Springfield Board of Realtors has a few safety suggestions so your house will be ready to cope with a young child's never-ending curiosity. Make sure you check the following areas to prevent accidents or injuries.

Cabinets—Lock away such dangerous substances as detergents, bleaches, solvents, polishers and other cleaning supplies to prevent poisoning. If firearms are in the house, they should be in a securely locked cabinet along with other dangerous items. Keep all medicines and cosmetics out of reach and in the original containers with child-proof caps.

Kitchen—Again, lock up all household cleaners and place knives high on the wall in an enclosed knife rack. Remember that children can turn on faucets and scald themselves. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends parents adjust their water heater so water temperature cannot exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Stairs—Gates can only be temporary barriers to keep children from using stairs. Some toddlers learn to climb over them. The traditional accordion gates are particularly easy to master. Buy sturdier gates of plastic or solid wood frame models that are strung with polyethylene mesh to provide a more effective barrier.

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Outdoors—Outdoor swimming pools and ponds are very inviting to children, and dangerous as well. Some localities require that a protective barrier such as a fence be put around pools to keep out small children. Make sure at all times that there is adequate supervision when children are playing in an area near a body of water.

In addition, close bathroom doors to keep children from entering and perhaps climbing and slipping into the bathtub. Tack down rugs to prevent falls and pick up small objects that may be swallowed. While plants are beautiful to look at, some are poisonous and could be fatal if eaten by a child. Keep them safely out of reach. Lastly, never let young children play in the garage, attic, or basement. There are too many hazards, such as tools and paints, which could lead to serious injury.

Children are inquisitive by nature and are eager to learn what things feel, smell, and taste like. By following the above tips from the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors, you can peacefully enjoy your summer by safely allowing the children in your home to investigate the fun world around them.

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Paul McCarthy Graduates From UConn Honors Program

Among the graduates receiving a baccalaureate at the recent University of Connecticut Commencement Exercises was Paul S. McCarthy of 280 Watchaug Road, Somers, Connecticut.

McCarthy completed his bachelor of science degree as an honors scholar, having successfully fulfilled the intensive requirements of the Honors Scholar Program, which included courses of unusual breadth and depth. He also had the distinction of being appointed to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," as well as being selected as a member of the Outstanding College Students of America national organization, in recognition of his superior scholastic achievements.

As a political science major during his junior year, he served as a Congressional Intern with Senator Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut. His plans are to continue graduate studies in the area of political journalism or law.

McCarthy is the son of Dr. & Mrs. Walter McCarthy of Somers (both former Agawam residents), and the grandson of Mrs. Walter McCarthy, Sr., of North Street, Feeding Hills, and of Mr. & Mrs. Norbert J. DeMont of Albert Street, Agawam.

Lynne Anne Ziegert Graduate Of Roger Williams

The following student is a May 1988 graduate of Roger Williams College: Lynne Anne Ziegert, Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Creative Writing, cum laude.

Lynne is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Ziegert, 51 Wrenwood Lane, Agawam.

Allison Lush Attains Deans List At U Of Hartford

Eighty-four full-time students from the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions, University of Hartford, have been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 1988 academic year. The list includes Allison Lush of Agawam.

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Kids Can Learn About Victorian Times

Do you ever wonder what children did for fun before video games, skateboards, or Little League? Find out this summer at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum's "Yesterday's Children Spend an Afternoon in Victorian Times." Session I is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 19th, 21st, 26th, and 28th. Session II is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 2nd, 4th, 9th, and 11th. Both sessions are from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., for ages six to 10 at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

These four afternoon classes will show today's children how to make a hand-made memory or souvenir book. This was the era when autograph books, scrapbooks, and diaries were all popular. "Yesterday's Children" will also feature a gallery detective game and activities in the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum's newest exhibition, **Valley**

Victorians: Springfield Area Homes of the 19th Century. Other activities planned will show today's children how their Victorian era counter-parts enjoyed themselves without all our 20th century amusements.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required before the first class. Early registration is recommended, class size limited to 15 in each session.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museum Association.

Bay Path Junior College Has New Arts Degree Program

Bay Path Junior College, Longmeadow, is introducing a new associate in arts degree program of study designed for students interested in the human services field. "The Human Services Program allows students to take a specialized liberal arts education and use it in the service of other human beings," said Dr. Ralph J. Shirley, academic dean.

"The recent release of the 'Community 2000' report in Springfield indicated the widespread social problems that affect everyone from infants to the elderly," he said. "The need for trained personnel to combat problems ranging from teenaged pregnancy and single-parent families to substance abuse and the increasing number of elders without adequate care is growing, and the problems are nationwide. We were aware of this need well before the report was released, and created our Human Services Program to educate women to fill that need."

The program prepares students to assist psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and other human service providers in local, state, federal, and private clinics, hospitals and agencies. Graduates may also transfer to four-year institutions to major in psychology, social work, gerontology, or related disciplines.

In addition to liberal arts courses and electives in a variety of areas, students in the Human Services Program will take introductory courses in psychology, sociology, and human services, as well as the following courses: psychology of adjustment, sociology of the family, abnormal psychology, social problems, and child psychology. Students will also fulfill a human services internship in a local agency under the direct supervision of professional staff.

"This program is especially suited for the young woman interested in a paraprofessional career in any of the human services areas," said Dr. Shirley. It will be offered for the first time during the 1989-90 academic year.

Bay Path Alumni Sponsoring Bus Trip To Boston Museum

The Springfield Chapter of the Bay Path Junior College Alumni Association will sponsor a bus trip to the Boston Museum of Science, Saturday, August 20th, to view the "Rameses The Great" exhibition, and also visit the Museum's Mugar Omni Theatre, where participants will see "Seasons and New England Time Capsule." Alumni and guests are invited to attend.

The Rameses exhibit, on loan from the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, features over 70 priceless artifacts from Egypt's Golden Age and includes the Colossus of Memphis, a 57-ton granite statue of Rameses which was uncovered in 1962 at a construction site in Memphis. The exhibit's only tour stop in the Northeast is the Boston location. The Omni is a one-of-a-kind movie theatre with a four-story, domed screen and 84 speakers, surrounding viewers with sight and sound.

Buses will depart the Bay Path campus at 8:45 a.m., and leave Boston at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are limited and reservations should be made by July 8th. For more information, please contact Bay Path's Alumni Office, 567-0621.

HCC Announces Local Graduates

Holyoke Community College held its 41st Commencement exercises, Saturday, June 4th, on the campus lawn.

Addressing the college's 700 graduates was Elizabeth Topham Kennan, president of Mount Holyoke College.

Among those local students receiving their associate's degrees included Edward John Manning, Dino R. Mercadante, Tony P. Orefice, Carol A. Skala, Jacqueline C. Marra, Benoit Giovanni Rocca, Michael T. Rich, Diane M. Wudyka, Jacqueline J. Williams, and Jay M. Kamyk.

Also, Paula C. Rocha, Todd James Jediny, Gloria Susan Tillman, Deanne Denise Duclos, Elizabeth A. Patnaude, Karen M. Bates, Thomas M. Merchant, Debra I. Bolduc, and Janet M. Gregor-Handy.

Riverside Park Still Seeks Summertime Employees

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Family Program Offered At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, is offering two programs for families this summer. Pre-registration is required three days in advance of each program.

Which Way To The Treasure?, Saturday, July 16th, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Here's your chance to learn compass skills and then put them to use to search out a hidden treasure with the help of a pirate map. This program is designed for children ages seven and up in the company of an adult. The fees for the program are \$5.50 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$7.50 for non-members and includes a treasure for each participant.

A Walk Into Twilight, Saturday, August 19th, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Twilight is a fascinating time to explore the woods and fields of Laughing Brook. As some animals bed down, others are just becoming active. Discover how to tell the temperature by listing to insects and search the treetops for bats. Fees for the program are \$3 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$4 for non-members.

For more information about these programs or for a current program brochure, call 566-8034.

Also, for pre-schoolers is **Mini-Camp For Mini-Campers**, scheduled for three Saturdays, July 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Session I takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and Session II is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mini-camp is a sampling of indoor and outdoor activities selected from our popular day camp program for older children. Participants must be 3½ to 5 years-old. Fees for the three sessions are \$15 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$20 for non-members.

Gina Marie Dialessi Attains WNEC Dean's List

Gina Marie Dialessi, daughter of Robert and Lynn Dialessi of Reed Street, Agawam, was recently named to the Dean's List at Western New England College. Gina is entering her third year at WNEC, majoring in pharmacy.

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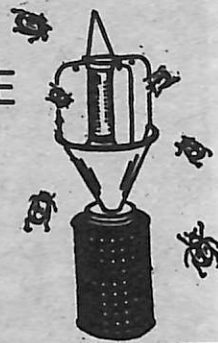
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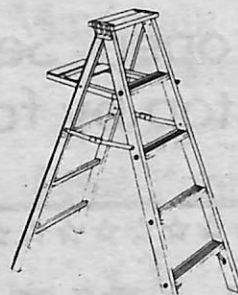
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Sports

Elbow Places 4th In State Women's Play

by Cathy Landry
Advertiser News Staff

Elbow Lounge, the first place team in the "B" Division of the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League, took fourth place in the Massachusetts State Tournament the week of July 8th-10th in Pittsfield.

The team, coached by Joe Lombardi, won three of five games in the double-elimination tourney for its fourth place finish out of 18 teams in the "C" Division tournament (it's made-up of teams in the "B" Division throughout the state.)

In its first and only game on Saturday, Elbow met Franklin's Merchants of Norfolk, and blanked them in a 4-0 shutout. The story of the game was pitcher Dee Circosta who pitched a two-hitter, with four strikeouts and gave up only two walks. Her team was behind her defensively as they turned three double plays and no Franklin player reached second base successfully.

The scoring in the game occurred in the fourth and sixth innings for the Elbow. In the fourth frame they racked-up three runs on singles by Annette Smith, Denise Porth, and Sharon Hamel, and Circosta doubled. Deb Doughman hit a triple in the sixth and Sue Case came through with an RBI single to give Elbow its fourth run.

In its first game on Sunday, Elbow faced the defending state champ, Gino's of Boston. In this game the locals fell, 12-6, despite staying with the champs (5-4) through six innings. Doughman (3-3; double) and Karen Ryea (2-3; 2 RBIs) were standouts for the Elbow in the game.

Already having one loss, the Elbow pulled it together for the next two games. In the game against Franklin's of Pittsfield, Collette Allan picked up the win on the mound and Circosta the save in the 7-0 victory.

The locals started off strong with three runs in the first inning when Allan walked, Eileen Richotte doubled, Circosta and Ryea singled, and Doughman had a sacrifice fly.

In the fourth frame, Elbow picked up another three runs on hits by Circosta (single), Doughman (2 run homer), Ryea (double), Sue Case (single), and Denise Porth (single). They picked up their seventh and final run in the sixth inning on singles by Maggie Ferry, Richotte, and Circosta.

In the Elbow's fourth game of the tourney, they faced the host team, El Dorado of Pittsfield and defeated them 4-3.

A two-run first inning began with singles by Case, Kim Silcox, Hamel, and Annette Smith helped Elbow's cause and Elbow scored again in the fourth with singles by Circosta, Doughman, and Case, and a double by Smith gave Elbow the win.

Circosta pitched a complete game with two strikeouts for Elbow.

In its final game in which they faced tourney favorite Phoenix from the Boston area, Elbow fell, 13-6.

Lombardi was "very proud of his team" and was especially pleased with Smith's performance behind the plate. "She gave Dee (Circosta) the confidence to pitch and she protected the plate throughout the tournament," he said.

Lombardi also thanked his son, Joe Jr., for keeping the book and coaching first for the tourney. Raymond Industries, also of the Agawam league, competed in the tournament.

Sarat Ford Lookin' Good Going Into Playoffs



PICTURED ABOVE ARE TWO GOOD REASONS why Sarat Ford is entering the Division B tournament in the Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League as the favorite to win it all. In top photo, catcher Rusty Robitaille watches an opposing batter swing wildly at another moonball from Sarat pitcher Tom Egan; In photo below, Art Supernor takes a mighty swing to send the ball skyward into the outfield. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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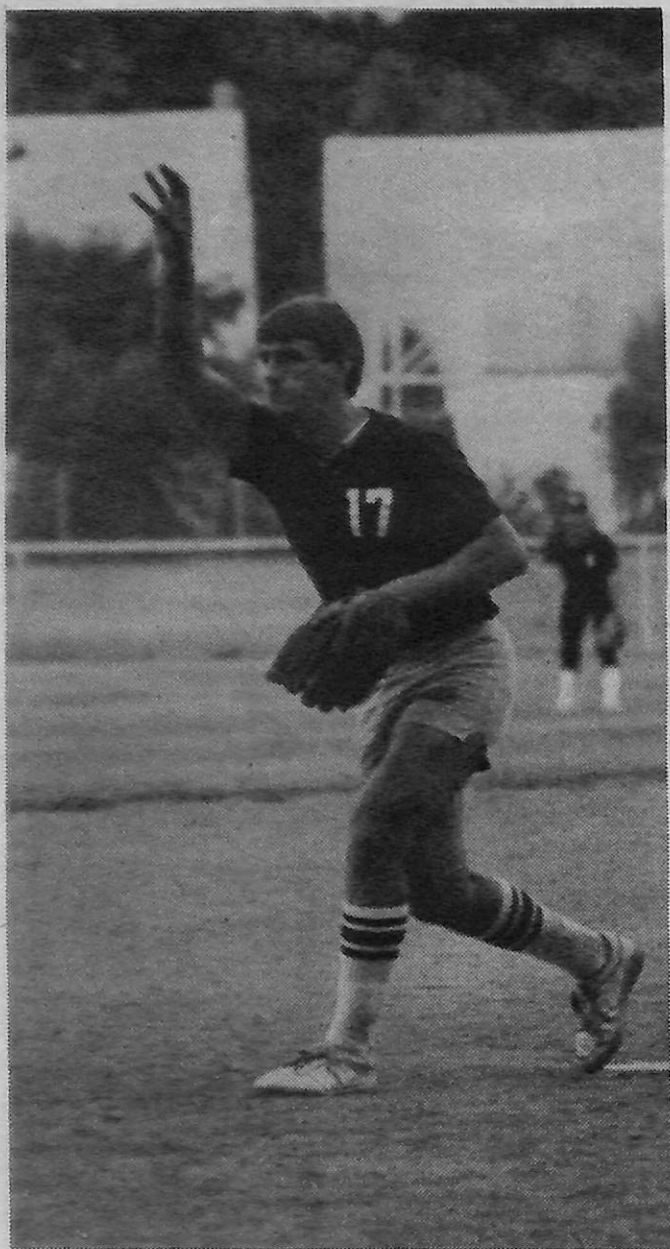


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by Cathy Landry
Advertiser News Staff

In a Division A matchup between M & P Siding and Wall's Sports, league-leading Wall's struck for 19 hits to easily defeat M & P, 15-6, Monday, July 11th, in the Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League.

Wall's got on the scoreboard first by scoring three runs in the bottom of the third inning. Bobby Peloquin led-off the frame with a single. Jeff Pokomey followed with a single. Rich Stepanian doubled. Keith Savoie plated one run with a sacrifice fly, and Ted Athas picked up another with an RBI single.

M & P took the lead in the top half of the fourth when it tallied four times. Bill Zagrainy's three-run homer over the leftfield fence scored Ron Morgan and Scott Karam (both had reached on an error). Jim Robillard singled and scored earlier in the inning when Morgan reached the error.

Wall's bounced right back in its half of the inning. Brian Davivo led-off the inning with a homer. Then singles by Mark Canegallo, Peloquin, Bob Kelley, Jeff Pokomey, and Savoie surged Wall's to an 8-4 lead.

The trio of Bob Gurski, Robillard, and Joe Perron all singled for M & P's fifth run.

But Wall's put this one away for good in the fifth with four more runs. Davivo, Canegallo, Peloquin, Rick Hoey, Kelley, and Pokomey each had a single in the surge.

M & P put its final run on the board in the sixth inning on singles by Zagrainy, Kevin Barnes, and Dave Zering.

Wall's struck again for three more runs on a three-run homer over the left centerfield fence by Davivo. He plated Dick Stepanian and Tony Caputo, who had both singled.

Wall's upped its record to 16-4 with the victory.

Leading the attack were Kelley, Pokomey, and Davivo with three safeties each. Canefallo and Peloquin had two hits for the winners. M & P got its spark from Robillard (three hits), and Zagrainy and Gurski with two safeties each. *****

In the second game at Borgatti Field on July 11th, the sixth and seventh place teams in Division B-American met and Springfield Turnverein narrowly defeated Broadleaf Auto, 8-5.

Each team put two runs on the board in the first inning. Broadleaf scored its two on singles by Phil Ballard, Bill Deragon, Kurt Fineri, and Vinny Markie.

Turnverein began its half of the inning with a leaf-off triple by Dave Bodendorf. Larry Barker followed with an RBI single and an error on the play moved him to third. Barker was plated on Bill Beck's sacrifice fly.

In the third Ballard and Deragon singled and Fineri reached on an error for Broadleaf's third run.

But Turnverein broke loose in its half of the frame. Hits by Barker (single), Beck (double), Steve Cochran, Ron Sassi, Dwayne Clauson, Mike Hearn, and Bill Radcliff (all singles) brought the Turnverein to a five-run lead.

Broadleaf rallied in the fifth inning on singles by Ballard, Paul Vercellone, Deragon, and Fineri for two runs.

The game was called in the bottom of the sixth (due to lightning) when Turnverein was rallying on singles by Ken Littlefield, Barker, Beck, and Cochran.

Barker led the way with four hits for the winners. Cochran added three while Sassi and Beck had two each. Ballard and Deragon had four hits apiece for Broadleaf while Fineri chipped in with two hits.



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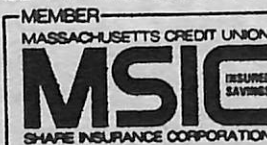
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Village Upsets Gino's In B National Softball

by Cathy Landry
Advertiser News Staff

Ninth-place **Village Lounge** pulled off a big upset Friday evening, July 8th, by dishing off a 10-4 defeat to fifth place **Gino's Liquors** in the Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League's "B" National Division.

Gino's opened the game strong with three runs in the first frame. Jay Mercadante led off the game with a homerun. Singles by Ray Rossi and Gary Eggleston gave Gino's its three runs. Village bounced back in its half of the inning with two runs of their own when Chris Henry and Chuck Oberther singled and Jeff Wojcik walked.

In the second inning, Village broke the game wide open with six runs on seven hits. Steve Cessarini, Gary Houle, Jim Lancour, Jim Brown, Bob Stone, and Henry all singled in the inning and Wojcik had a two RBI double. Gino's never recovered from the salvo.

The game remained 8-3 until the fifth frame when Village added two runs for insurance on singles by Wojcik, Butch Wagner, and Oberther.

Al D'Amours tripled and Jay Mercadante singled him in to give Gino's its fourth run.

Oberther had three hits and Henry and Wojcik each had a pair for Village Lounge, while Mercadante had three hits for Gino's.

Fifth-place **Jiffy Lube** upset third place **Greylock Associates**, 11-3, in a match between two teams in the "B" American Division, also July 8th.

Jiffy Lube and Greylock each scored a run apiece in the first inning.

Jiffy Lube got its first run when Mark Carmody and Pat Pepe each reached on errors, and Greylock plated its runs on hits by Don Plucker (double) and Joe DePalma (single).

In the second inning, Jiffy Lube added two more runs, this time singles by Pete Clark, Jerry Burke, and Bill Deyette, and a sacrifice fly by Larry Bigda did the trick.

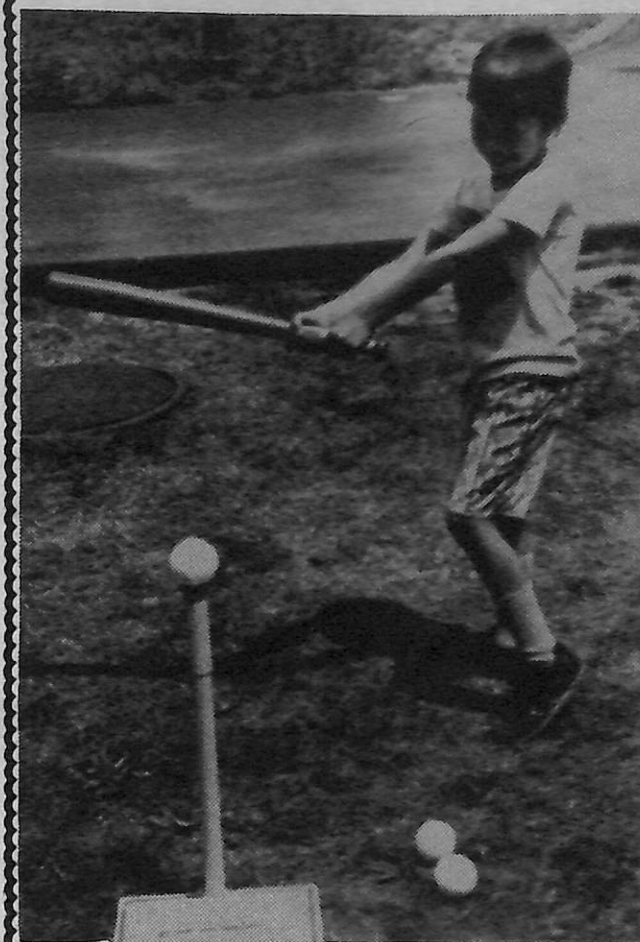
Greylock tied it up in the third frame with two runs when Nick DePalma and Paul Suffriti opened the inning with back-to-back singles. Jeff Hunter had a sacrifice fly and Plucker finished-off the scoring with a double.

Bill Deyette, Tom Linzi, and Bigda singled and broke the deadlock for Jiffy Lube before they finally busted open the game with six runs in the huge sixth inning.

Deyette, Linzi, Bigda, Mullin, and Carmody started the big rally with singles. Pepe reached on an error. Craig Comer had a sacrifice fly and Clark and Jim Lassard singled to round-out the scoring. Deyette and Bigda had singles in the seventh for the last Jiffy Lube run.

Jiffy Lube, the "B" American regular season winner last year, was one of the two teams to defeat first place **Sarat Ford**. They may just be the Cinderella team of the upcoming playoffs...another interesting tidbit — the average age of the team is 33 years-old.

Future Slugger...



EDDIE DAUDELIN, 8, practices T-ball at Perry Lane Park as the town-sponsored camp began its second week on Monday. Eddie said he hopes to grow up and play for either the Yankees or the Red Sox and make enough money to buy a new 10-speed bike. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Southworth Escapes Bad News Bears, 7-6

by Cathy Landry
Advertiser News Staff

In a game Thursday, July 8th, **Southworth Paper Company** sneaked by the **Bad News Bears**, nipping them 7-6 in the "B" Division of the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League.

Although the Bears drew early blood in the first inning on singles by Debbie Markham, Donna Eldridge, and Laura Benoit, Southworth took the lead in the third.

Kathy D'Agostino led off the third frame with a single, Annie Pashco hit into a fielder's choice and was later plated by a Jeanne Bein single (two RBIs). Eileen Murray and Maggie Valentine rounded off the innings with safeties and added the fourth run of the inning.

The Bears picked up another run of their own in the bottom of the third when Eldridge, Chris Woods, and Benoit singled. A Maureen Rose single and a single by Holly Rexor brought the score to 5-2 before the Bears closed the gap with two runs in the fourth. Charlotte Vinton began the inning with a walk and singles by Lisa Meade, Louise Meade, and Alice Ouellette brought the game to 5-4.

Southworth struck the fatal blow in the fifth frame by getting another two runs on safeties by Valentine, Murray, and Nancy Boil. The Bears kept the game close by scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh. Nancy Kellogg and Kelly Vinton had singles and Benoit a tri-

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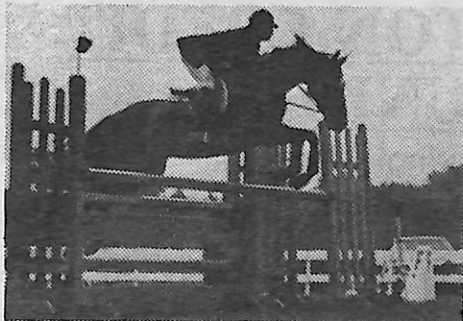
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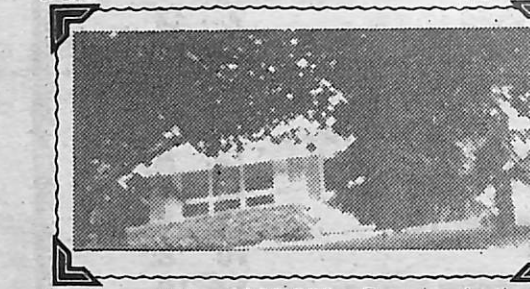
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TJ's Sporthouse	17	5	
Gino's Package	16	6	
Parrotta's Service	15	7	
Buccaneer Lounge	12	10	
Grimaldi's Oilers	10	12	
Village Lounge	9	12	1
Jessica's Lounge	9	12	
Agawam Moose	7	13	1
Scoreboard Lounge	7	15	
Ken's Parking	7	15	
Agawam Spirit Shop	5	15	
Federal Real Estate	1	21	
"B" American			
Sarat Ford	19	2	
Abbett Tax Service	15	6	
Jiffy Lube	11	7	1
Greylock Association	11	8	1
Tri County Sales	11	8	
Springfield Turnverein	8	12	
Broadleaf Auto Sales	8	12	
Bogey's Knights	4	16	
Buccaneer Lounge	2	18	

Agawam Women's Softball (As of July 10th)

	W	L	T
"A" Division			
Easthampton V.F.W.	14	5	
Buccaneer Red	14	6	
Desi's Place	13	5	
Buccaneer Gold	9	13	
Jams	5	15	
Schlaffer Chiropractor	4	15	
"B" Division			
Elbow Lounge	13	4	
Scoreboard Lounge	13	5	
Agawam Legion 185	12	8	
Kellies Loft	10	8	
Southworth Paper	10	10	
Bad News Bears	6	12	1
Ranch House	0	17	1

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL - From Page 42...

ple for the Bears in the inning. Unfortunately, their valiant rally wasn't enough for the Bears who fell to 6-11 on the season.

Benoit led the Bears offensively with three hits while Valentine and Murray each had a pair of safeties for Southworth who broke the .500 mark (10-9) and remains in fifth place in the division.

In another "B" Division contest on July 7th, fourth place Agawam Legion Post 185 destroyed cellar squad Ranch House, 14-3.

Post 185 gained two runs in the first on singles by Tracy William, Denise Tolomea, and Donna McGuire, and a walk by Julie Piccoli.

In the third, Post rallied again. Piccoli led-off the inning with a walk followed by singles by Tammy Villani, De De Slowik, and Nancy Frink. These hits accounted for two more runs.

Post added some insurance in the fifth, bringing the score to 8-0. Hits by McGuire (double), Villani (single), Slowik (single), and Ellen Flynnne (homerun) gave Post their four runs.

Post capped off their scoring in the seventh when McGuire, Villani, Slowik, M.A. Jerry, and Sue Schneider all singled and Flynnne hit a sacrifice fly.

The win allowed Post 185 to stay in fourth place and remain in a position for a playoff berth. McGuire had three hits, and Villani, Slowik, and Flynnne two each for Post.

Agawam Legion At 2-2 At Presstime In Round II Play

by Cathy Landry
Advertiser News Staff

In 100-degree weather at Harmon Smith Field, Agawam Legion Post 185 fell in a tough loss to a surging Ludlow Legion team, 9-3, Sunday, July 10th.

The locals proved to be their own worst enemies in this one with four errors during an afternoon when the sun scorched everything in sight.

Despite absorbing the loss, Agawam hurler Mike Malanson hurled a good game. He went the distance in allowing nine hits and issuing only one walk. He had five strikeouts.

In the first four innings he mowed Ludlow down one-two-three while allowing just three hits and one earned run.

Agawam did most of its scoring in the third inning when Rob Regish smacked a two-run homer to score B.J. Massoia, who had singled.

Agawam's other run came on an RBI single by Scott Stevens, who was pitching in the sixth.

Agawam had only five hits in the game, two each by Regish and Massoia.

In its Friday, July 9th game vs. West Springfield, the locals easily trounced the West Siders, 12-4.

Phil Berry, the most consistent hurler on the team, tossed a five-hitter for the victory. Rob Regish owned a three-run homer and Jeff DiDinato chipped-in with three safeties and two RBI to lead the locals to the winner's circle.

The locals also had great luck at the plate vs. Holyoke, the Round One zone winners in a 12-hit, 12-8 victory, Tuesday, July 8th.

Three runs in the top of the seventh inning fueled this big win. John Regish led-off the rally with a two-out single. B.J. Massoia followed with a hit-and-run single. Rob Regish rifled a double to drive in two runs and Dean Proakis launched a triple to right-center for the third run.

The locals saw Holyoke take a 4-0 lead right off the bat in the opening frame. But then Agawam began chipping away at Holyoke. Agawam scored a solo run in the first frame and then two runs in both the second and third. Three more runs came across in the fourth for Agawam.

John Regish played a fine defensive game and got Agawam out of a tough jam in the fourth inning. With the bases loaded, he fielded a sizzling grounder at second, tagged the bag, and started a killing double play that sucked much wind from Holyoke's sails.

Rob Regish led the attack with three hits and 5 RBI. John Regish (2-3, three runs scored), Proakis (2-5, triple), Jack Patterson (2-4), and Massoia (2-4, three runs scored) were also big contributors for Agawam.

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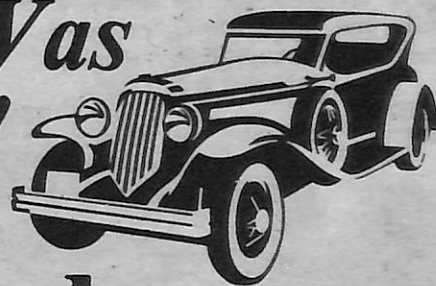
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Proakis pitched the complete game to pick up the win.

Although he was in constant trouble throughout the game, he toughed-it-out all the way. Coach Bob Regish called the win over Holyoke as "one of the team's best wins to date."

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Mets Capture Little League Baseball Crown

The 1988 Agawam Little League championship for the Major Division was won by the Mets, coached by Ray Battista and Dutch Vrijenhoek.

A two-out-of-three championship playoff with the Orioles, coached by John O'Brien and John Pellegrino, was forced when each team won one round in regular season play.

The Mets won the first game, 11-10, in the last inning with fine pitching from Eric Mastrianni, Nathan Wooley, and Carmine Battista.

Anthony Tassone had a good night at the plate for the winners with a triple and a single.

Also getting hits for the Mets were Chris Demastrie, Nathan Wooley, Carmine Battista, Justin Bruso, and Joe Scherpa. Putting in a good night on the mound for the Orioles were John O'Brien, who also got a double and single, Brian Pellegrino and Matt Harrington. Jason Votzakos had a double and single for the Orioles.

Also getting hits for the Orioles were Jeff Campbell, Eric Melloni, and Matt Harrington.

The second game was won by the Orioles with strong pitching by Brian Pellegrino, who had a single.

Frank Fila had two singles and John O'Brien a double and a single.

Having another good night at the plate for the Orioles were Jason Votzakos with two doubles, Jeff Campbell with a single and a double, and Eric Melloni with two doubles.

Pitching for the Mets were Nathan Wooley, who hit a two-run homer; and Justin Buiso and Derek Vrijenhoek, who also got a triple. Also getting hits for the Mets when Chris Demastrie, Carmine Battista, Eric Mastrianni, and Joe Scherpa.

The last game was won by the Mets, 6-5, with excellent pitching from Carmine Battista, Nathan Wooley, and Eric Mastrianni.

Getting hits for the Mets were Carmine Battista, Anthony Tassone, and Justin Buiso, who blasted a solo homerun. The Orioles had strong pitching from Matt Harrington and Brian Pellegrino, who struck out six of the nine batters he faced in two innings pitched. Brian also had a double at the plate. Coming through again at the plate for the Orioles were Jason Votzakos, John O'Brien, and Jeff Campbell.

A celebration picnic and pool party was held for the Mets by the coaches. The highlight of the picnic was when each team member got to throw a pie in each of the coach's face. Each member came to the picnic with two pies that they took great delight in tossing.

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Unique Storage Baseball Takes 9-10 Win Over EL

Agawam's Traveling Unique Storage Independent baseball team of 9-10 year-olds had their first game Monday night against East Longmeadow. The game got off to a slow start.

Danny Lancour started the second inning with a bunt with the bases loaded to score Danny Pellegrino home for the first run. The team fell behind in the bottom of the second and third innings, as East Longmeadow came up with four runs. The final rally came in the fourth after two outs, when Agawam scored 11 runs, using the maximum 15 batters. It ended up as a 12-4 victory for Agawam.

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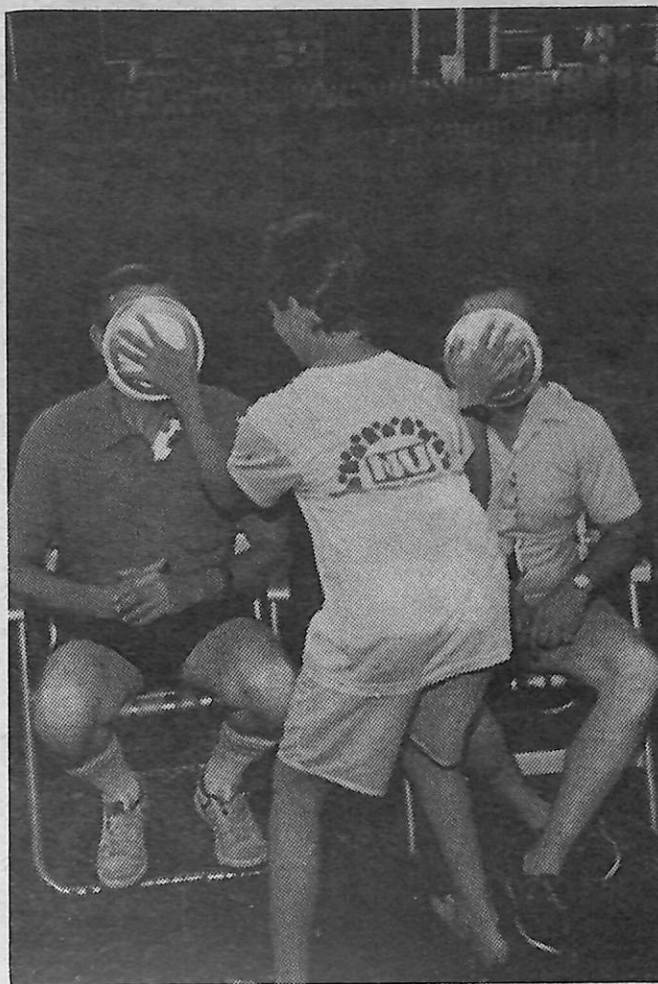
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Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Local Groups Play Softball For Easter Seals

More than 800 people in Hampden County are joining thousands of softball players throughout Massachusetts to support the work of the Easter Seal Society. They'll play ball this summer in the 11th Annual Bud Light-Easter Seal Softball Marathon.

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LET'S TAKE A DIVE INTO THE POOL says these five youngsters who can't wait to get in to beat the searing July heat in photo left. The town pool at Perry Lane Park has proved to be an invaluable asset to the Summer Camp Program, as well as a refuge for townsfolk during the evening and on these steamy weekends. **IN PHOTO RIGHT** - playing a game are Chris Albano, Heather Plowman, Krista Sirois, and Greg Pudlo. The town's summer camp opened on July 5th, much to the delight to over 300 youngsters who attend on a daily basis.

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SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

The Sportsmen's Reserve Fund raided again by Dukakis! Breaking the law means nothing to the politicians when it comes to getting what they want. During the first year of his election to office of Governor, the Dukakis administration raided the Sportsmen's Reserve Fund of \$1 million and the sportsmen rose up with such indignation that the money was eventually returned.

Here it is again. The state has a shortfall of \$400 million created by over-spending and "the Duke" says that the budget will be balanced.

Just recently, on the sly side, the Sportsmen's Reserve Fund was raided again. Only, it was done with finesse. The sportsmen's money shall now pay the entire cost of the Secretary of Environment office (taking the cost off the General Funding).

The sportsmen's obligation to financing the Department of Law Enforcement has been doubled (taking the cost of law enforcement off the General Funding) and the sportsmen are now obligated to pay three percent of the Heritage Trail's Budget.

The Sportsmen's Reserve Fund has been raided to the tune of \$500,000. It is unlawful to touch the Sportsmen's Fund. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is the only self-supporting department in state government. Its revenue is received from license sales and an 11 percent sales tax monies from the federal government on all related articles pertaining to fishing and hunting.

Ed Goyette, Feeding Hills, found articles left evidently by canoeists on the ramp in Southwick. One deputy sheriff's hat was with the other material. If you are one that left the articles, call Ed. He is in the phone book, and identify the articles and they will be returned to you.

The DEP of Connecticut has increased its purchase of pheasants by 585 birds this year. The department has contracted for 36,445 adult birds. The pheasants bid prices range from \$6.90 to \$7.70 with the average at \$7.19 per bird. The contracts were awarded to seven Connecticut breeders. No birds were received from out-of-state suppliers.

The temperature was 95 degrees, but the slight breeze over the water made our stay bearable. Angie Borgatti and I hit Big Benton for some delightful white perch and bullhead fishing. We usually go on three to four of these trips a year.

The white perch did not let us down. We found them in deep water and kept around 30 of them. The bullheads came harder and we brought home nine beauties (if you can call a bullhead beautiful — in the eye of the beholder they say) and the rest of the bucketful of fish was made up of yellow perch.

An incident happened while we were launching the boat into the stream that also affords a way of getting on Big Benton. We had put the 12 footer in the water and loaded it with our gear. The boat was grating on the small rocks and pebbles as we loaded. I looked down and witnessed a small water snake come out of the weeds over to where we were, come to the surface with just its head above water, and watched us for a few moments, then submerged and swam away.

"I'm not walking in this water," remarked Angie. I silently agreed.

Perry Lane Park Pool Open For Summer

Perry Lane Park is open to all residents year round (no fee). The fee and charges will only be for pool use and special rates for large picnic groups using the pavilion. All facilities such as the tennis courts, horse shoe pits, etc., are open to the public but can be reserved for clubs or groups who wish to reserve by calling the recreation office.

PERRY LANE PARK POOL

The pool opened for the season on Saturday, June 18th, and is open to Labor Day, September 5th. Hours for the general public and pool pass members will be 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. Exceptions may be made for special group events or exceptionally hot weather.

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Town Registering For Youth Swim Lessons At Pool

Registration for youth swim lessons is being held daily, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Agawam Parks/Recreation Office located at the Agawam High School, lower driveway, rear entrance.

This learn to swim program is for Agawam youths age four and older. Your child must be able to change his/her clothes. No females will be allowed in the male locker room and no males will be allowed in the female locker room. Release forms must be signed by a parent or guardian.

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RACING AT RIVERSIDE

Bruce D'Allesandro Sails Home To Win Riverside's Modified; Rosati Takes Pro Stock

The temperature was 100 degrees. The action was even hotter as Riverside Park Speedway hosted another spectacular NASCAR Winston Racing Series Triple event. A crowd of 5,364 came out last Saturday night for the Performance Centers - Massachusetts Automotive Warehouse and really got a show for the money.

Rick Summers led the first lap of the NASCAR Modified feature as Bruce D'Alessandro came from his third starting spot to take the lead to the inside. For the first 20 laps it was a two-car battle between Stan Greger and Bruce D'Alessandro. While this was happening up front, Reggie Ruggiero and Mike Stefanik were working their way from the back. At one point in the event, Ruggiero developed a problem and almost lost a lap. As for Stefanik, he too had a rough night and tangled with Ted Riggott. Larry Moore, Rick Summers, and Jerry Pearl were the mighty three that ran in a pack throughout the event to impress the fans.

At the checker it was a clean victory for Bruce D'Alessandro, his first win of the season (in the Cliff Nelson-Electrical Contractors Pontiac). Glued to his bumper to finish second was Stan Greger (Cheney Construction). Third went to John Rosati of Agawam (Simons A & A). Rosati held-off Ruggiero for over 10 laps to the checker.

Fourth was Reggie Ruggiero in the Teddy Bear Pools Pontiac. Fifth, and his best performance to date, was Larry Moore (West Hartford Tool & Die).

Sixth to 10th went to Ricky Summers (Bull Dog Stables), Jerry Pearl, Mike Stefanik (Hanks Construction), Brian Schofield (the first 340 Bonus Car), and Joe Rzesetuk.

"I have had real bad luck this season. Nothing seems to work until now," said Bruce. "I owe this victory to my crew and Cliff Nelson. They have stuck with me through all of this. This is for my sponsor Electrical Contractors and my family."

Gee Perry of Suffield won his first feature in the Late Model Streets as he took the lead on lap number eight. At the finish it was so close a race that the scorers had to decide the winner. The victory went to the Perry

Brothers Chevelle. Second was Tom Carey, Jr. Third was Ted Chalmers. Fourth was Dan Lavoie and fifth went to Art Carusso.

Sixth to 10th were Larry Vassar, Roy Scott Hanks, Phil Meany, Rick Swanson, and Mark Schofield.

John Rosati won the 30-lap Pro Stock feature as Lou Prior crossed the line backwards to finish second. Third went to Ed Carroll III. Fourth was Jerry Marquis and fifth went to Ed Lavoie. Finishing in the top 10 were Tom Rosati, Rick Turcotte, Dave Carusso, and Wayne Carroll.

This Saturday it's NASCAR Double Points in all three divisions. Action starts at 6:30 p.m.

**HERE'S SOME
Exciting
NEWS!**

Second Double Pointer Slated For Speedway Saturday, July 16th

July 16th is the date for the second Double Point Show of the 1988 Nascar Winston Racing Series at Riverside Park Speedway. And this point event could become the most important event of the 1988 season. The plot is going to thicken and so won't the excitement as we get closer to crowning a new champion in all three divisions.

The July event this Saturday night that features Nascar Double points will also feature a \$1200 heat Bonus program that is sponsored by Manchester Oil Heat and Sunoco CAM Racing Fuels. Bob Regis has been a longtime friend of the auto racing scene and will also provide additional cash for other events later in the season.

Nascar Modified weekly contenders for the point title will include six-time feature event winner Reggie Ruggiero; Mike Stefanik, the defending track champion is moving in, and so is Jerry Marquis, the three-time

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1988 Point Standings As Of July 3rd

MODIFIEDS

1. Reggie Ruggiero	272	8. Bill Lauridsen
2. Jerry Marquis	246	9. Lou Prior
3. Mike Stefanik	240	10. Turcotte
4. John Rosati	206	11. John Lobo
5. Stan Gregor	196	12. Brian Crunden
6. Bruce D'Allessandro	174	13. Fran Forino
7. Carl Pasteryak	158	14. Bouley
8. Dan Avery	146	15. Ed Carroll Jr.
9. John Zavisza	134	
10. Marty Radewick	110	
11. Schofield	96	
12. Rszutek	78	
13. Bolles	74	
14. L'Etoile	70	
15. Cole	58	

PROS

1. Tom Rosati	276	8. Mike Duquette
2. Jerry Marquis	274	9. Gegetska
3. John Rosati	242	10. Gary Zelinka
4. Dave Caruso	224	11. Fioramanti
5. Paul Suprenant	194	12. Parenteau
6. Ed Lavoie	174	13. Caruso
7. Chris Kopec	152	14. Schofield
		15. Roule

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Unusual NASCAR Race Coming To Riverside July 20th

Riverside Park Speedway is presenting the most unusual NASCAR Winston Modified Tour race of the season. It is just not the traditional format that most promoters have taken. And there is a list of reasons why that again has most promoters upset.

Not only is the Wednesday, July 20th, Riverside Modified Tour Race one of the highest cash short track events of the season, it's one of the biggest bonus events ever on the Tour.

Still, the key points that have the competition smoking is the fact that Riverside Park will not charge any car owner or driver a pit fee to get into the NASCAR Modified Tour Event. That's right — they will be admitted free on race day.

The second key point is a spectacular catered buffet for all the owners' and drivers' wives or girl friends, plus the crews and drivers. This isn't a small-time function, but a four star function with an award-winning buffet. Again, this is free!

The third thing is the perks in this event and the list is growing every day — like over \$3,000 in products given to every car in the pits from Loctite & Permatex; a \$1,500 Snap-On Roll Away Tool Box to the feature event winner from the Regional Snap-On Dealers; then there is a custom-designed NASCAR Modified-fitted canvas car cover from Leisure Time Canvas, valued at \$300.

And don't forget every car that pre-enters will get a family VIP Ride Pass for all the rides and attractions at Riverside for the day of the race, valued at \$75.

And still, there is a lot more. The Tom & Jane Francis N.A.P.A. Auto Parts Pit Crew contest features \$1,000 in cash for the teams and the pit crews as they challenge each other in a contest of skills by changing two tires and adding fuel.

Then there is the Budweiser Heat Bonus Money of \$1,375, paying \$125 for first; \$75, second; third, \$50; and fourth, \$25.

Combine this with the Riverdale Chrysler & Busch Pole Awards that offer \$300 for fast time, \$200 for second, \$100 for third, \$75 for fourth, \$50 for fifth, and the first car to break the track record will receive \$200 from West Hartford Tool & Dye, and you have quite an event.

This doesn't include any of the tour's regular bonus programs that will include Gatorade, The Evans Speedway Scene Performance Awards, and much, much

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Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/Basic Life Support—Professional Rescuers, \$25, July 12th and 14th (Tuesday and Thursday), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; July 22nd and 29th (Friday), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; July 26th and 28th (Tuesday and Thursday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

For lifeguards, ski patrol, police, firefighters, medical personnel, and those planning to become CPR Instructors. Content includes emergency action principles, recognition and prevention of heart attack, rescue breathing, first aid for choking, and CPR skills for single and team rescues. Procedures for adult, child, and infant victims will be practiced.

Adult CPR, \$16, July 15th (Friday), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; July 27th (Wednesday), 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

New! Focusing on adult victims, this includes emergency action principles, rescue breathing, first aid for choking, and single rescuer CPR skills.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Review/Basic Life Support—Professional Rescuers, \$15, July 14th (Thursday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; July 20th (Wednesday), 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Prerequisite: Bring a current CPR certificate to the class. Review 1987 textbooks prior to class for written and skills tests. A written and skills exam will be given.

Multimedia Standard First Aid, \$28, July 19th and 21st (Tuesday and Thursday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; July 25th and 27th (Monday and Wednesday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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Advanced Lifesaving, began July 6th and being held at the Quabog Valley Community Day Camp. For more information, call 1-245-9981.

Water Safety Instructor, began July 5th and being held at the Quabog Valley Community Day Camp. For more information, call 1-245-9981. Participants must be 17 years-old or older and have current Advanced Lifesaving certification.

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winner. Other favorites include Stan Greger, Bruce D'Alessandro, John Zavisa, Ed Kennedy, Dan Avery, Larry Moore, Marty Radewick, and Tom Bolles, and two-time champ John Rosati of Agawam.

As for the Pro Stocks, the Double Points are also a major part of the story. Agawam's Tom Rosati and John Rosati are right at the top of the list with Jerry Marquis. And the additional favorites include Paul Suprenant, Lou Prior, Brian Crunden, Dave Carusso, Bill Lauridsen, and several others.

In the Street Stock division, the battle is even more exciting. It's close with Ted Chalmers and Tom Fearn swapping the point lead back and forth. In addition to this battle, there are several other point contenders like Darren Parenteau, Gary Fiormonti, Roy Scott Hanks, Bob Gegetsas, and Dan Lavoie.

This Double Point race on July 16th is going to be a real night to remember. Points combined with extra cash and much more are the setting only at Riverside Park Speedway. Action starts at 6:30 p.m., with racing of 16-plus events. All are family priced at \$7.99 for adults.

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more. First will pay \$4,250. Second, \$2,800; third, \$1,700; fourth, \$1,500; and fifth, \$1,200.

Still, the racers aren't the only ones to gain in this Riverside Wednesday, July 20th, NASCAR Modified Tour Special. The fans will only have to pay \$9.99 for this event, with kids just \$3.00 — the lowest price ever offered for a TOUR SPECTACULAR.

ALEXANDER'S is now open in Feeding Hills. See our display advertisement on Page 5. Join us for dinner this weekend and enjoy our fabulous prime rib special.

We've Finally Identified Photos Of Police From June 9th Issue

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Since we published two photos of the Agawam Police Department back in the 1930's, we have been bombed with phone calls to identify who the men were in the two pictures. We thank all those interested residents who helped us to finally identify these men of the yesteryear in the Agawam Police Department. **IN THE PHOTO OF THE 11 MEN** who were lined up outside the old police station, they were, from left - Eddie Harpin, Wilber Robinson, Arthur Bertrund, George Fennif, Alvin Kellogg, Ernie Sealander, Mort Rob, Larry Reg, Steve Rallesto, Frankie Campbell, and Horace Morratte. **IN THE PHOTO OF THE THREE MEN AT THE OLD BOWLES AIRPORT (1937,** the men were Dace Paro, Rollie Reed, and Hank Madden.

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Town Manager	138503	2150	7050	2825	150528
Town Accountant	79326	450	3550	900	84226
Town Clerk	86766	425	2816	0	90007
Town Treasurer	80994	350	33020	830	115194
Town Collector	53949	850	1765	485	57049
Town Assessor	113394	1550	61200	1000	177144
Law Department	34000	0	41500	0	75500
Election & Registrations	20340	150	4500	0	24990
Town Building Administration	33773	8000	98210	2000	141983
Fire Department	1685295	53867	67665	15500	1822327
Police Department	1730934	94100	38702	90366	1954102
Weights & Measures	54233	1025	4025	4900	64183
Building Inspector	168789	2725	3150	850	175514
Forestry	4000	0	33000	0	37000
Civil Defense	0	5000	3000	0	8000
Health Department	204695	6000	43665	0	254360
Sanitation Department	233473	37081	957929	12000	1240483
DPW Administration	58463	1100	1160	1800	62523
Highway & Grounds Maintenance	529060	341610	123740	74660	1069070
Engineering	95105	5240	5595	0	105940
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Park & Recreation	120937	7750	35385	2750	166822
Planning & Community Development	64330	1100	5440	0	70870
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	114728	9715	6350	31050	161843
Solid Waste Disposal	0	0	599730	0	599730
Council On Aging	135060	7000	70738	41005	253803
Board Of Appeals	6183	240	440	0	6863
Dog Officer	20313	1600	5050	0	26963
Data Processing	77648	155	6475	3325	87603
Capital Budget	0	0	0	0	30000
Line Items	0	0	0	0	5386275
Building Maintenance	902939	135566	885774	11730	1936009
TOTALS	7135750	792474	3187464	307301	16839264
Schools Operating Expense					11999055
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DPW WATER FUND	319944	170935	845429	28400	1364708

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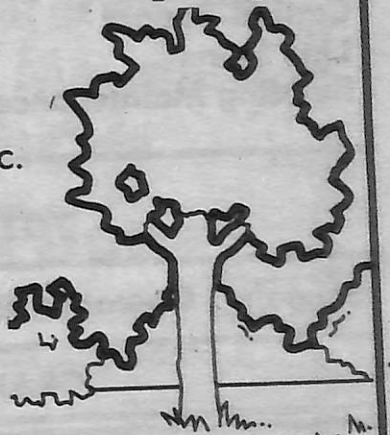
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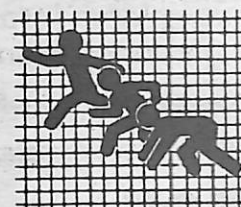
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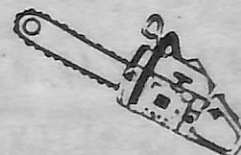
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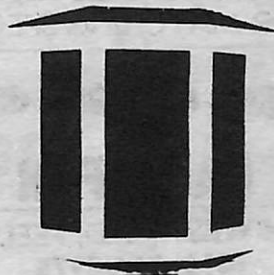
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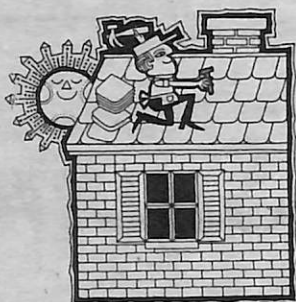
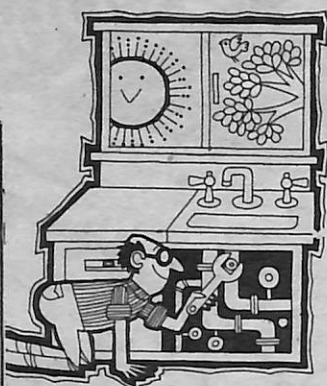
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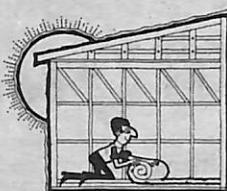
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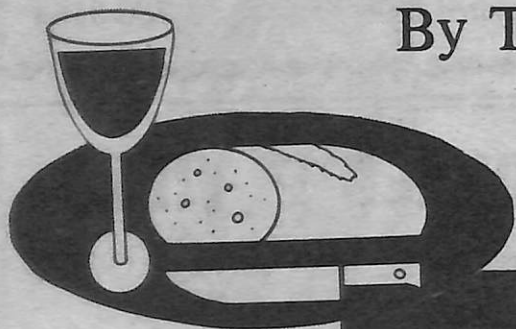
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